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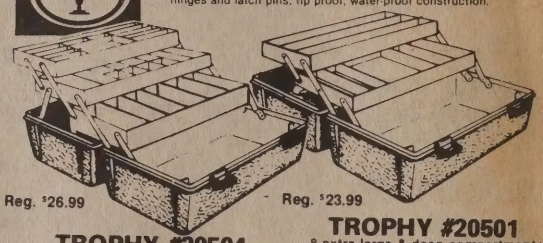

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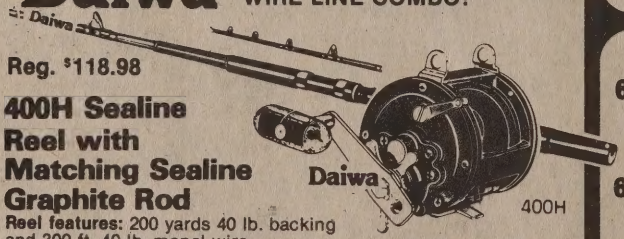

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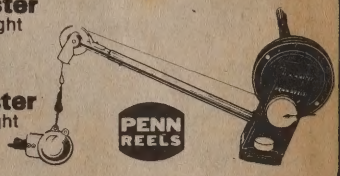

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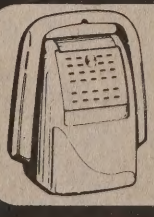

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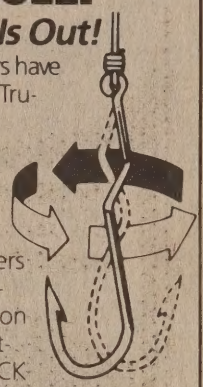

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Registration will be held on September 25th, from 7:30 to 9PM. The lessons are designed for beginner and intermediate levels, with the entire family encouraged to attend. The course is FREE, with a nominal charge for text and materials.

For more information, please call 589-7491 after 6PM.

BOATING SKILLS AND SEAMANSHIP COURSE

A 12-week course, given by Long Beach U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 13-03, includes rules of the road, charts and compass, weather, radio telephone, marlinspike, seamanship, boat handling and marine engines.

In Long Beach, registration on September 22nd and 24th, 8PM to 10PM at the Long Beach Middle School, Alevard Street and Lido Blvd.

Classes start on Tuesday, September 30th at 8PM. There will be a minimum charge for the text book.

For further information, call Julie Sanchez, (516) 889-7016.

1987 NEW YORK NATIONAL BOAT SHOW SOLD OUT

The 77th New York National Boat Show, January 2-11, 1987, in the brand new Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, is completely sold out.

"The new spectacular convention center has enabled the boat show to increase exhibit space 40 percent over last year's show," said Frank Scalpone, managing director of the New York show. "Still, we've sold every inch of available space and have an extensive waiting list for potential exhibitors."

The 1987 National Boat Show—the oldest boat show in the world—will feature nearly 1,000 sail and power boats along with thousands of marine accessories. Practically every major national marine manufacturer will be represented at this year's event.

"We're expecting record crowds at our new show site," said Scalpone. "Not only will the '87 show feature more products than ever before, but the display in the ultramodern hall will be the most dazzling in our show history."

The marine exhibition will take up the entire main floor of the Javits Convention Center, which is the size of six and a half football fields. The Center is located on New York's West Side (11th Avenue between 34th and 39th Streets).

The 1987 exhibition will feature one trade day, Friday, January 2nd. The show will open to the public January 3rd and run for nine days through Sunday, January 11th.

The New York National Boat Show is owned and produced by the National Marine Manufacturers Association.

BASIC BOATING IN COPIAGUE

A 10-lesson course in Boating Skills and Seamanship will be given by Flotilla 1-6 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, beginning Wednesday, October 1st at Copiague High School, Dixon Ave., Copiague, 7:30 to 9:30 PM. (Registration: September 17th and 18th, or night of first class.)

The course will be presented by experienced instructors using the Auxiliary's highly acclaimed text book and related instructional materials. A wide area of subjects will be covered, including: boating language; rules of the road; legal requirements; use of charts and piloting; marine engines; aids to navigation; and more. Additionally, the classes provide an excellent forum for in-depth questions and answers.

The lessons are designed for beginning and intermediate levels and family participation is encouraged. The course is offered free, with a nominal fee for the text and materials. Upon successful completion of the course, registrants will receive a handsome certificate from the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. For further information, call Flotilla 1-6 at (516) 691-3489 or Copiague High School at (516) 842-400, Ext. 239.

BASIC BOATING COURSE IN BROOKLYN

Now that the summer boating season is drawing to a close, those of us who fish, sail, or just cruise about, can turn our attention to sharpening our boating skills. This fall, as it has done for the past 68 years, Brooklyn Power Squadron will again be offering its Basic Boating Course.

The course is offered at two convenient locations, and it covers basic piloting, coastal navigation, seamanship, rules of the road, boat handling under normal and adverse conditions, weather, sail, engine maintenance and a host of other practical topics. You will see interesting slides and get a hands-on experience in marlinspike and marine radio operation.

Registration and the first class, will commence on September 16th, at the Miramar Yacht Club, 3050 Emmons Avenue, Sheepshead Bay, and on September 18th, at St. Frances College, 180 Remsen Street, Brooklyn Heights. Classes run from 7:30 to 9:30 PM.

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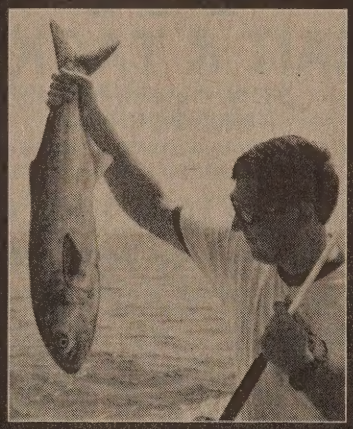

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SAFE BOATING COURSE

The Manhasset Bay Power Squadron, a unit of United States Power Squadrons, is offering a 10-week evening course in safe boating. It will cover varied topics from knots to piloting and will help boaters have a safe and enjoyable season. Instruction is free, but there is a nominal fee for materials. All persons 12 years and over are invited.

Some insurance companies offer a discount upon satisfactory completion of the course. Don't wait until spring to become a more knowledgeable boater.

Classes will be held at: Glen Cove High School, Wednesday, September 24th, 8 to 10PM; Roslyn High School, Tuesday, October 7th, 8 to 10 PM.

Registration will be held on the first day of the class.

United States Power Squadrons is a non-profit organization dedicated to boating eduction and has already provided instruction to almost three million students.

For further information, call (516) 676-7417.

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Dr. Robert Buerger from the Sea Grant Extension Program has written a new publication that provides the necessary information for planning an enjoyable charter or party boat trip. This 8-page publication highlights types of boats, selecting a boat, preparing for the trip, clothing, accessories, and other information that

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D3	9.7 oz.	4.6	260/10, 220/12, 170/15
D4	18.2 oz.	4.3	380/12, 290/15, 210/20
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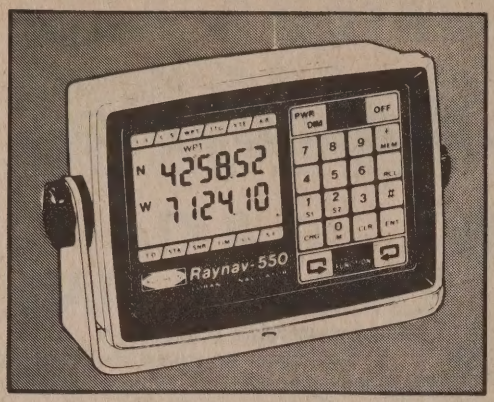

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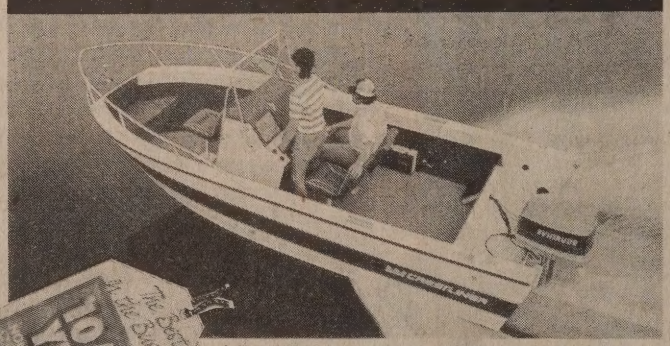

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BAYSIDE BOATING COURSE

Bayside Power Squadron, a non-profit organization, begins its 11-session boating course at the locations and dates given below:

I.S. 74, Wednesday, September 17th, 7:30PM; Forest Hills H.S., Thursday, September 18th, 8PM.

Offered free (except for a nominal charge to cover cost of material), the course is taught as a public service to adults and teenagers in over 500 areas nationally.

To date, over 2½ million students have benefited from this instruction given by knowledgeable volunteers of the United States Power Squadrons. These instructors have had extensive boating experience and have themselves completed advanced Squadron courses.

For additional information, call (718) 631-1150; (718) 263-4371.

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY CELEBRATED

President Reagan has declared September 27th National Hunting and Fishing Day.

In keeping with our tradition of celebrating National Hunting and Fishing Day, Suffolk Alliance of Sportsmen, Inc. will be holding open house September 27th from 9AM to 5PM at the Department of Environmental Conservation Game Farm (the Co-op) on Randall Road, Ridge, NY.

There will be hands-on demonstrations of fly casting, bait casting, fly tying, archery, canoeing, trapping and more. Also, there will be working bird dog demonstrations, falcons and hunting, fishing, trapping and shooting club displays. Here is a chance to learn more about Long Island hunting and fishing opportunities, make new friends and find a club to join.

Our celebration will include FREE hot dogs and beer from 12PM to 1PM. After that you are on your own.

All the candidates running for office in the November elections have been invited to meet Suffolk County Sportsmen at this celebration.

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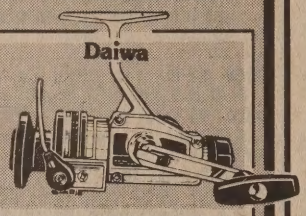

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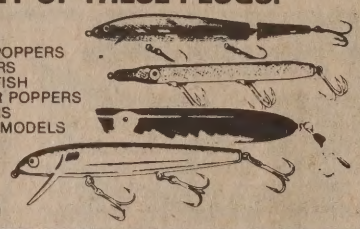

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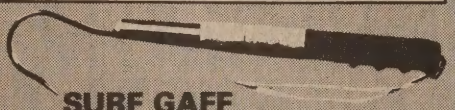

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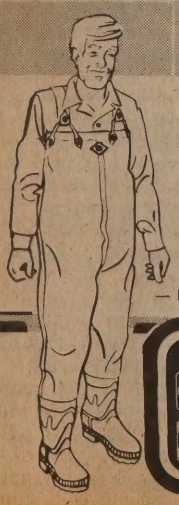

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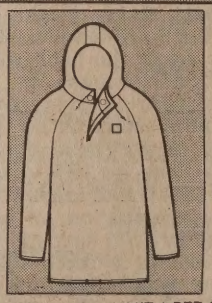

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For more information on Shakespeare's Whisker Titan reels or other products, contact Paul Towler at (803) 754-7540, or write Shakespeare, P.O. Drawer S. Columbia, South Carolina 29260.

TELESCAN 1500 VIDEO FISHFINDING SONAR FROM RAY JEFFERSON

Ray Jefferson is introducing the new Telescan 1500 to boaters and fishermen. This unit includes added features for a bright, highly accurate view of the bottom, underwater structure, dropoffs, schools of fish and even single fish in easy to identify images.

Signals from the unique ultrasonic tri-transducer are transmitted to the viewing screen, a 6" cathode ray tube (CRT) and are clearly displayed in four well defined shades of gray.

The unit features a selection of six basic depth ranges: 0-30', 0-60', 0-120', 0-240', 0-480', and 0-960', displayed in easy to read numbers on the left side of the screen where they do not interfere with the picture as it moves from right to left. The range scales are shown as dash lines dividing the screen into depth zones. The lines and numbers are in the background, giving a third dimensional appearance to the image. They can be removed from the screen at the touch of a button for clutter-free viewing.

New on the Telescan 1500 is an on the screen digital depth readout providing instant information on water depth at the touch of a keypad.

The unit includes a zoom control which enlarges either the top or bottom half of the display to cover the entire screen. For example, in the 0-60' range, the "up" zoom keypad will enlarge all the information in the top section (0-30;) to fill the screen. The "down" zoom keypad will enlarge the bottom (30'-60') section. For an even closer look, images produced with the "up" zoom can be enlarged once again, in this example, 0-15'. These special zoom features permit a variety of different possibe pictures to provide the most efficint display possible for any condition.

Automatic Rangin, another new Telescan 1500 featur, assures continuous accurate displays in the correct range. If the transducer measures a depth not within the preset range, the unit automatically switches to the correct range.

An Automatic Tracking feature had been added to the fou standard sweep speeds. When the Automatic Tracking keypad is touched, the sweep speed of the display matches the speed of the boat, continuously displaying bottom conditions in exact relationship to the boat movement.

In addition, the operator can instantly "freeze-frame" any display for close examination at the touch of a button.

A dual alarm system is standard equipment on the Telescan 500. When activated, an electronic graph appears on the right side of the viewing screen. The operator can select minimum and maximum depth levels as desired. Set the top alarm to any desired depth and the operator is able to "hear" by audible alarm any fish that breaks the beam. Set the bottom alarm at a depth below that of the actual bottom and the operator is alerted audibly to dropoffs and honey holes. This feature also allows the operator to set an "Anchor Alert" window to monitor any changes in water depth when at anchor.

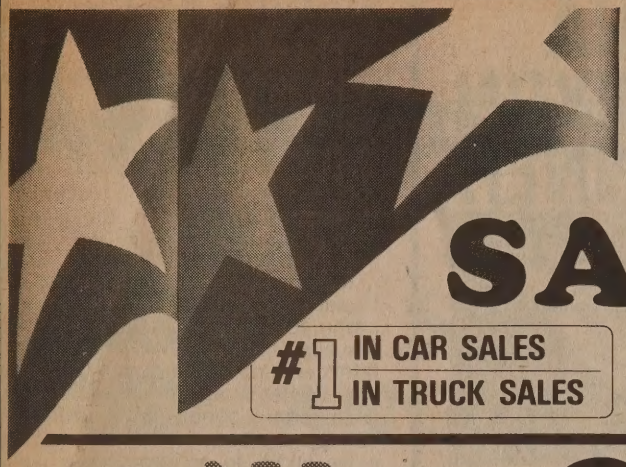
The unit has the capability to read surface water temperatures in tenths of degrees farenheit at the touch of a button on the CRT display tube.

A speed indicator CRT display shows the boat speed in MPH and is calibrated in tenth (1/10th) of a mile increments. With these two features, the operator can monitor trolling speed, read the surface temperature and see everything that is happening under the boat almost simultaneously.

The Telescan 1500 is more accurate than expensive chart recorders and eliminates the need for rolls of costly chart paper. The unit is rugged, compact and designed for marine use. The controls feature a waterproof keypad with touch tone for range selection, up and down zoom, water temperature, boat speed, distance log and range selector. The keypad is backlighted for night viewing. There are controls for gain, sweep speed and freeze frame, upper and lower audible alarm and brightness.

The tri-transducer includes the surface water temperature probe and a bult-in turbine for speed indication and distance measurement.

The Ray Jefferson Telescan 1500 comes with a detachable sun hood, clear plastic protective see through



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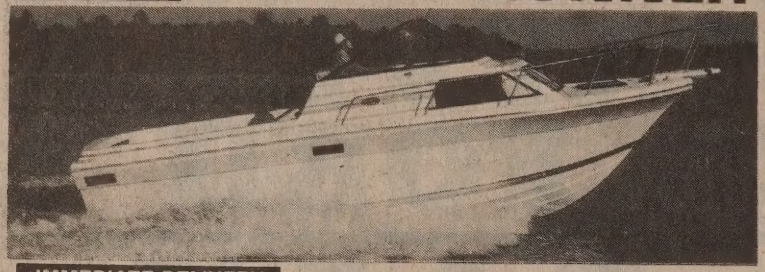

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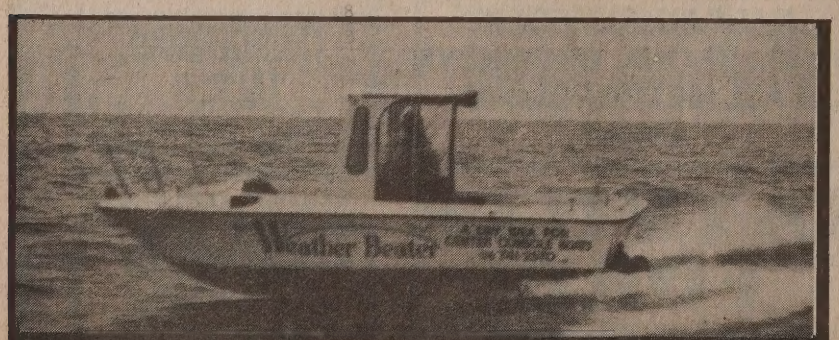

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Imperial's Wader Wrap Boots are available in five sizes from small to super extra large. The boots have a one-year limited warranty. Manufacturer's suggested list price is $40.

For more information on the Wader Wrap Boot, waders and other fishing accessories, contact: Imperial Manufacturing Co., Box 4119, Bremerton, WA 98312; (206) 674-2316; Telex: 152190.

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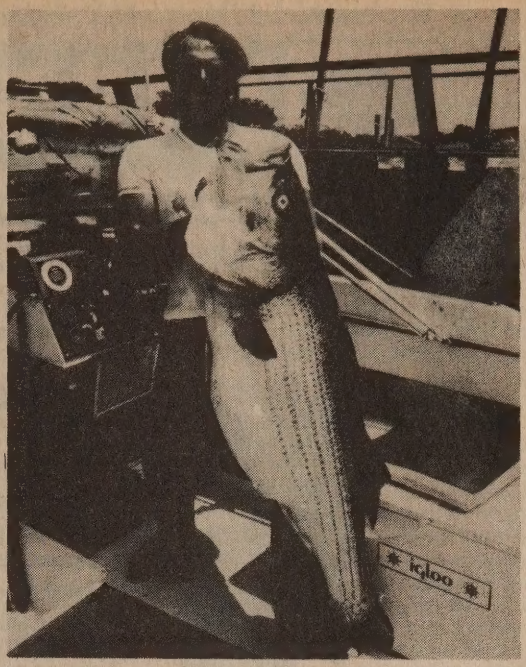

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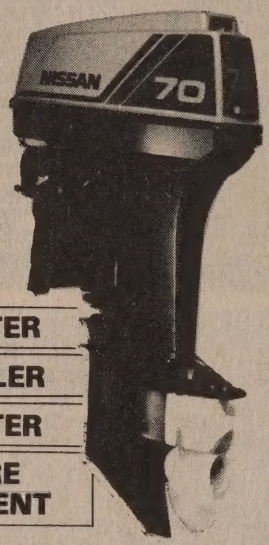

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ATLANTIC TOWERS AND LUHRS JOIN HANDS ON LUHRS 340 LIMITED EDITION

Sport fishing enthusiasts at some of the top tournaments will have the first opportunity to view a dream fishing machine, the Luhrs 340 S.F. Limited Edition. The project boat will be the first to be equipped with Johnson & Towers 300 hp 8.2 liter Detroit Diesels for optimum performance. Fully equipped for heavy duty canyon fishing, the Luhrs 340 Limited Edition will feature a specially designed tower by Atlantic Towers. The unique tower utilizes highly polished aluminum structural material and black accents. All rails and deck hardware will be replaced with custom fabrications which will coordinate with the tower. Additional custom rigging includes a Marine Concept Tuna Chair, specially finished Rupp outriggers, Atlantic PowerBars, which allow infinite adjustment of lures while under way by electro-hydraulically adjusting the outrigger and a full complement of tackle.

Color schemes for the prototype Luhrs 340 Limited Edition will be a jet black hull, white bottom paint, black and metallic silver accent striping. This is a reversal of the standard '87

model colors.

Tournament participation includes major events throughout the northeast including: Harrah's Fish for Life Tournament, Atlantic City, New Jersey; Luhrs-Topaz Shootout, Point Pleasant, New Jersey; Arthur Smith Bluefish Tournament, Freeport, New York. The boat will also be shown at the Norwalk International Boat Show, Norwalk, CT and the Greater New York In-Water Boat Show, Freeport, New York.

SHAKESPEARE'S LINE-TRAINER RODS

Line slap has long been one of the foremost problems of spin fishermen. Line slap, by eliminating the line's ability to flow smoothly through the guides, causes the fisherman to exert far more energy than would otherwise be necessary to maintain casting distance and accuracy. And line slap is also responsible for increased line wear. Now Shakespeare introduces the Line-Trainer rod: a solution for this age-old dilemma!

Through extensive laboratory study with high-speed, stop-action photography and video filming, Shakespeare's engineers have pioneered a new innovation in fishing that eliminates line slap problems: Shakespeare's long-legged Spinpoint Guides. Spinpoint Guides raise the line up off the rod and quickly train it to flow smoothly through the guides that follow. A series of four state-of-the art freshwater spinning rods will sport the new Spinpoint Guides in 1986. With models ranging from five foot ultralight action to seven foot medium action, the Shakespeare Line-Trainer series of rods features 98 percent graphite blanks. Line-Trainer rods also feature the new Shakespeare Hot Spots. All cork foregrips on the Line-Trainer spinning rods are sanded down right to the blank. This allows the fisherman to feel the blank through the Shakespeare Hot Spot for increased sensitivity.

For more information on Shakespeare's Line-Trainer rods and other Shakespeare products, contact Paul Towler, Shakespeare Fishing Tackle, P.O. Drawer S, Columbia, SC 29260, or call (803) 754-7540.

THE LUHRS 342 CONVERTIBLE/SPORTFISHERMAN

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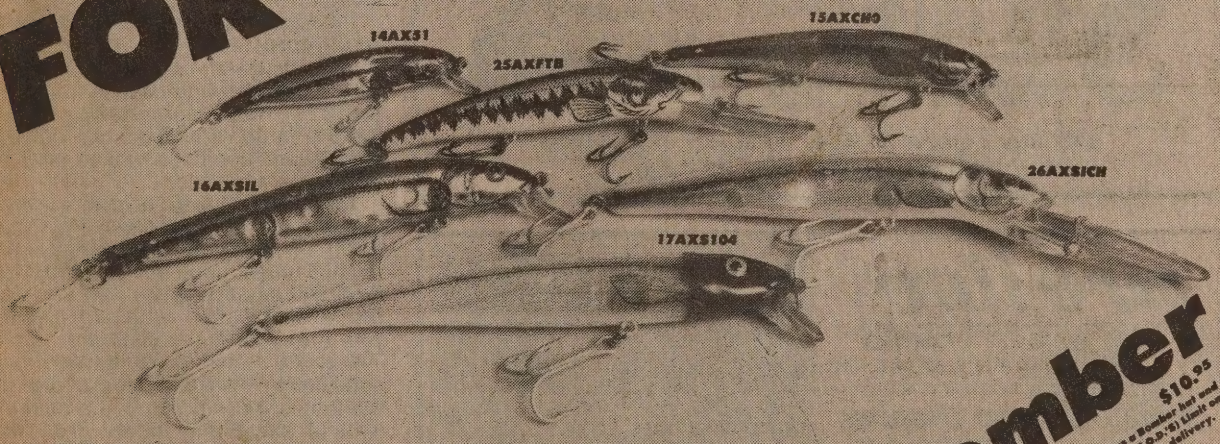

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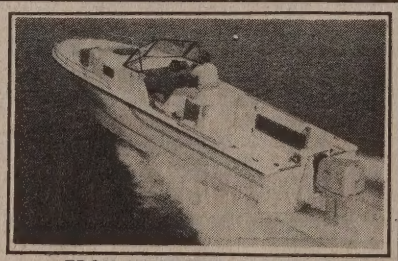

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STARCRAFT ENTERS FIBERGLASS BASS BOAT MARKET

Starcraft strengthened its position as a full-line national fishing boat manufacturer recently by acquiring the assets of one of the South's most prominent bass boat companies.

Starcraft bought the assets of Performance Plus Products of Greenville, Miss. Performance is a regional manufacturer of bass and fish/ski boats with a solid reputation for quality. Starcraft will build and market the boats starting with the 1987 selling season.

Performance's molds and other equipment will be moved to Starcraft's Delhi, La., plant. In Greenville, manufacturing capabilities were limited to three boats a day. Given Delhi's large, sophisticated facility, that figure could be quadrupled in 1987.

Nine fishing and fish/ski models are planned for Performance by Starcraft, utilizing the sme structurally sound, state-of-the-art construction designs developed by the former owner, Roy Fulton, who will stay on with Starcraft as a consultant.

Fulton's bass boat design has established Performance as one of the fastest bass boats in the country without sacrificing safety and fishability. Performance has set several endurance speed records with prototyped hulls that have since been incorporated into boats available to consumers.

Fulton says that Performance gets more speed than other boats because of its energy-efficient hull configuration. The hull has anti-porpoising characteristics built into the outside

chine, which means there is a small "fin" on it that slopes down about an eighth of an inch. The design enables Performance boats to "come out of the hole" more quickly than many competitors it has been tested against. Performance boats are all pad boats—they ride on the small pad near the motor at top speeds.

"From the standpoint of a really functional and safe boat, Performance is as good as anybody's bass boat out there," says John Wills, manufacturing engineer at Delhi. Wills recently joined Starcraft, bringing more than 20 years' experience in the marine industry. He has just finished a four year stint with Bass Tracker.

"This line offers something for everyone—from the weekend angler to the tournament fisherman,' Wills adds. "We've also got the multipurpose boat for the guy who takes the family fishing in the morning and skiing in the afternoon."

Starcraft will wait for feedback from dealers and consumers before making major changes in the product line. However, it is exploring new developments in fiberglass, including a glass stringer system that will make the boats lighter and eliminate any chance for wood rot.

The nine Performance boats offered by Starcraft include four sizes of bass boats, four fish and ski boats and one ski boat. Sizes range from 15 to 19 feet.

Bob Fidler, senior vice president and general manager of Starcraft Marine products, says the Performance purchase was a perfect fit for the company's fishing boat market plans.

"We could have piece-mealed it and developed our own bass boats one at a time," he says. "Instead, we bought the assets of an established company and started producing nine boats right away. This acquisition demonstrates we're committed to improving and expanding our product line."

Starcraft, long known as the nation's leader in aluminum boats, is developing several other fiberglass models, including larger boats for the walleye and striper reservoir markets. It also plans to develop fishing boats and factory teams in other specialized markets such as the Great Lakes and saltwater. The 1987 Starcraft boat line has been designed to be more "fishermen friendly" as the result of input from noted anglers.

The Performance acquisition is just one of several new marketing moves by Starcraft, a Lear Siegler company that also builds automotive conversions and recreational vehicles. Lear Siegler Marine, makers of O'Day and Cal Sailboats and Prindle catamarans, recently was bought under the Starcraft umbrella by the parent company.

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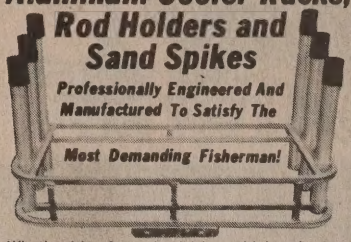

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by John Jollie

Are you looking for a bare bones, dry, easy maintenance boat to chase fluke, tautog, weakfish or flounder? Are you looking for a boat to fish inland lakes or rivers for bass, pike or trout? The solution might be the DuraNautic Offshore 16.

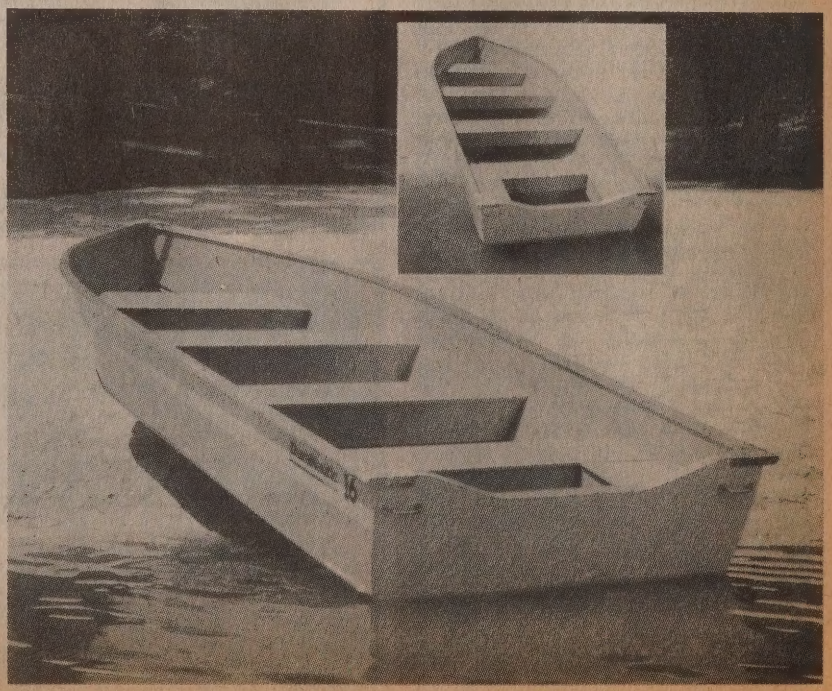
I was invited to go fluke fishing this summer with my cousin. Well, I believe he wanted to show off his new aluminum boat and wanted to compare it to my own new aluminum boat.

On first inspection before launching, I must say that I was somewhat impressed with the craft's overall size. The boat is 16 feet long with a beam of 70 inches and a bow height of 37 inches. His boat is equipped with the optional side "command console" which increases his horsepower rating to 60 hp. The boat is rated to 40 hp without the console or with a tiller operated outboard. His particular boat has a 40 horse Yamaha engine mounted on the 1-5/8 inch thick transom. This engine proved to be more than adequate to push the hull's 405 pounds through a running tide at the breachway.

The semi-vee boat has a plywood floor mounted between the four bench type seats. This makes for easy standing while fishing, but the bench type seats do not help to make walking from one end to the other very easy. You have to lift your feet quite high to clear the seat because of the depth of the craft. This only became a bother when either of us had to go to opposite ends of the boat to net a fish for the other.

There is plenty of room for coolers and gear. We had on board a 151 qt. Igloo cooler half-filled with ice and lunches. Four rods, two tackle boxes, a landing net, and a gaff for bluefish. The boat has flotation in each of the four bench seats and this gives the DuraNautic Offshore 16 a carrying capacity of over three times the boat's own weight. It has a load capacity of 1230 pounds. That's quite a load for a boat that weighs only 405 pounds with the side console and 380 pounds without the side console.

Many people have come to believe



that aluminum boats leak or that the rivets come loose or pop out altogether. While that may have been the case with some boats in the past, it is simply not the case today. The aluminum boat companies offer very attractive warranties on their boats. The DuraNautic line of boats has a ten year warranty against defects in material or workmanship. This warranty is also transferable to future owners when the boat is sold through a DuraNautic dealer. That is more than more fiberglass boat companies offer.

The DuraNautic Offshore 16 is built of .072 inch thickness aluminum stock. This is thick by aluminum boat standards. The boat is assembled with a minimum number of rivets below the water line. This should satisfy the boaters who worry about loose rivets. The DuraNautic Offshore 16s have welded aluminum hulls, so there are no seams to leak as with riveted hulls. The aluminum is marine grade type 5052 H36 alloy. While I do not pretend to understand all of the different types of aluminum, rest assured all of the best aluminum boats use this type.

During our day's fishing, the boat proved to be very responsive to the throttle and it steered quite easily in the running tide and its wide beam made it a very stable fishing platform.

The optional console is large enough to mount a recorder or flasher type depth finder and a compass. This boat was outfitted with a VHF and all safety equipment. All of this fit neatly on or under the console. Also offered as an option is a wraparound plexiglass windshield.

While fishing that day I could not help but think what a great boat this would be in freshwater. It is lighter than most all fiberglass boats of the same size, thus making it easier to trailer or handle when fishing solo.

A couple of pedestal seats could easily be mounted fore and aft. A small electric trolling motor would be plenty to move this boat into back coves and rivers in search of bass and pike. Likewise, it is large enough to troll the larger bodies of water for trout or salmon or rigged with a downrigger to go after lake trout.

It is the kind of boat that will take a lot of abuse and beg for more. It has a double thick skid plate welded to the keel to protect it from repeated beachings or bouts with logs or rocks. It has epoxy paint inside and outside available in your choice of two-tone green or sand beige. This boat is real easy to maintain and is perfect for the fisherman who is lax in his housekeeping duties.

This is one 16 foot bare bones aluminum boat that looks good from every angle. It handles well, it's rugged and is a good all-around inshore or lake fishing boat.

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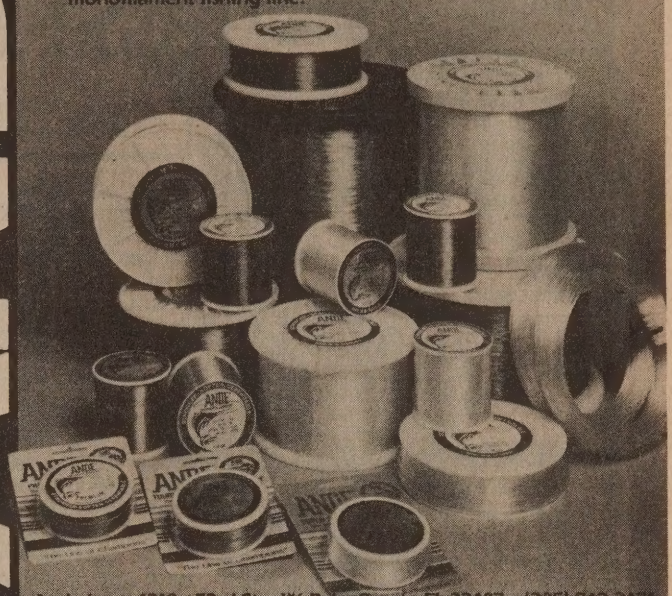

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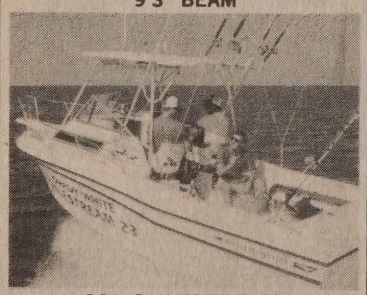

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SABRE STROKER RODS

by John Raguso

When one hears the word "Sabre," the first thing that usually comes to mind is an efficient tool that is used for battle. With the influx of stories coming over from the long range West Coast tuna boats, the second thing that one usually thinks of are those short, funny rods. For the purpose of this product review, both analogies apply.

To say that our brand of East Coast fishing has been revolutionized by these stubby, fast-tapered sticks is the understatement of the decade! West-of-the-Rockies based companies like California Tackle, Fenwick, Kennedy-Fisher and Kunnan have been manufacturing either rods or blanks designed for stand-up fishing for year, and even Penn Tackle is introducing their version of this stand-up phenomenon.

This week's analysis focuses on the rods and blanks manufactured by the California Tackle Company. Their Sabre rods, in particular the "Stroker" line-up, have enabled many Atlantic based anglers to catch large pelagic species with greater ease than was formerly obtainable with the conventional 7 foot, two piece aluminum butt, moderate taper trolling rods. We are going to cover three size ranges for our review: 5½, 6 and 6½ foot, with various rods for each grouping. You can get an idea as to how they can be expected to perform under fire, with the pros and cons associated with each length.

Production Sabre Stroker rods are manufactured by hand on honey-colored E-glass blanks. There are a number of different series classifications, depending on what components are used to build the sticks, but the two most popular are either the custom Series Strokers or the Golden Sabre Series Strokers. The Custom Series features Aftco machined aluminum seats and gimbals in their attractive black and gold anodized format. You can choose between conventional stainless steel guides, silicon carbide Fuji USG guides, or traditional Aftco H/D roller guides. Black grips similar to hypalon in consistency are used fore and aft of the reel seat and the guides are professionally finished with a striking black-over-red wrap.

The Golden Sabre Series also feature honey-colored E-glass blanks, but incorporate graphite filled lightweight Fuji reel seats in place of the machined aluminum hardware. These rods come with conventional stainless steel guides and are finished with an attractive wrap that's not as elaborate as the Custom Series, but equally as functional. Fuji BUNG Hardaloy guides are available as an extra cost option.

For the custom rod builder, the Sabre Stroker blanks are available in either honey or white, with a $6 to $10 premium charged for the white option, depending where they're purchased. The advantage of building these rods ourself or having a reputable custom rod builder assemble them for you, is that you can mix components and colors to your taste, thereby matching other gear you may already own. You have the flexbility to use either machined chrome-over-brass Lakeland seats and gimbals if sheer long-term durability is your primary objective. On the flip side, if saving weight is your number one goal, the graphite-filled Fuji reel seats may be the way to go with a nylon gimbal. You can experiment with different color, length and thickness foregrips, but keep in mind that a 12 to 14 inch length is desirable for these type of rods to keep the leverage over the fish in your favor. The guide options are numerous, but the Fuji USG and UNG series, or the Aftco black #41-51 series rollers seem to hold up to the elements the best with minimum repair or maintenance.

5½ Foot Category: Blank: 6455-XXHW. Rod: CTS-6455-AR. The real workhorse of the Stroker Series is this heavy duty stick. Equipped with roller guides, this is an awesome fish killer and it's rated for 50 to 130 lb. line. We've used these blanks with machined chrome over brass seats, Aftco black rollers and Penn 30 TW reels spooled with 50 lb. mono for the ultimate in tuna tangling weaponry. This sized rod will bring them in the quickest, due to its maximum butt to tip leverage ratio, and it repeatedly took 100 to 120 lb. yellowfin in *less than 5 minutes each* on a recent overnight Canyon trip. But beware: your number of lost fish will probably in-

crease if you use this rod exclusively, since its short 5½ foot length will not allow you maximum clearance around outboards, outdrives, trim tabs and the like. If you like to get 'em in quick but don't mind losing a few, this is definitely the ticket.

6 Foot Category: Blanks: 660-HW/ 6460-XXHW. Rods: GS-1661C/ CTS-6460-USG. These 6 foot sticks seem to strike a compromise between the 5½ footers that are too short for some anglers and the longer sticks that don't seem to have the leverage. The 660-H/GS-1661-C is the lighter of the two blanks and is rated from 30 to 80 lb. class. It's an excellent stick when matched with either a Penn 113HWL, International 30TW or the Shimano TLD-25 or Triton 30/50 reels. With the soft No. 10 tip on this rod, 30 to 50 lb. seems to work best.

The 6460 XXH/CTS-6460-USG is my personal favorite for the Sabre series. Rated for 50 to 130 lb. line, it has all of the performance characteristics of the shorter 5½ foot rods with a progressively fast taper, but it gives you a bit more reach when a frisky yellowfin wants to get a closer look at your props firsthand. Mated to a Penn 30TW or 50TW or a Shimano 50 or 50W it's a first rate fish fighting tool.

6½ Foot Category: Blanks: 665-HW/665. Rods: GS-1666-C/GS-1665-C. The 665-H/GS-1666-C is a very comfortable rod that is great for jigging and bottom fishing for cod, pollock and tuna over a wreck. In contrast to the 6455XXH, this rod took almost 30 minutes to boat the same sized tuna that the shorter 5½ footer was landing in only five, albeit with a Penn 113HWL in place of the 30TW.

The 665 is probably the ultimate bluefish jigging rod. Its fast taper will allow you to snap-cast jigs 30 to 40 yards out from the rail of a party boat and matched to a Penn Jigmaster, Shimano TLD-15 or Newell 332F, will give you the ability to catch slammer after slammer with minimum fatigue, while your shipmates are grunting and groaning with their longer, more conventional sticks.

All Sabre rods come with a lifetime guarantee and *they mean it.* I've had some trouble with only one of the thirty some odd Stroker blanks I've built on this season and it was immediately replaced by Scott and Roy at Merrick Tackle in Bellmore, L.I., New York.

In retrospect, these rods can do it all: jigging, stand-up bait fishing, drifting for shark or trolling. They'll shine in all three phases of the game, whether it be the initial drag searing runoff, the recovery of line, or the deep up-and-down final approach. Forget the chair and hook yourself into a quality belt/harness combo like the Reliable or Braid gear and you'll be surprised at how easy it really can be to stand up and fight, California style!

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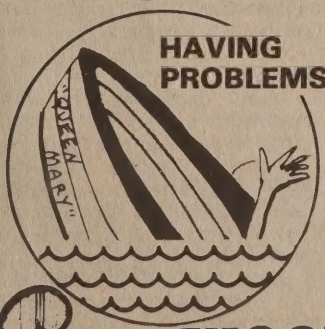

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

I'm an avid fisherman and hunter and fish both fresh and salt water plus do a lot of small game hunting locally and some big game hunting in out-of-state areas. I am fussy with my "toys" and want them to outlast me. There's no question that weather does a lot of damage to firearms and precision reels. What I'd like to know is do you know anything about a high tech type grease that is being sold under the Shooter's Choice label? I've heard it is real good, but I'd like to know what your opinion of the stuff is. *Warren Brant.*

Dear Warren,

The grease you mention is produced by the Vanco Industries, P.O. Box 598, Chesterland, OH 44026.

We have used it in our fishing reels and it is certainly a good product. The company markets the grease in a syringe type tube so it can be forced into hard to reach areas like those found in fishing reels or firearms.

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Dear Doc,

I recently purchased a pair of Shimano Triton Trolling Series of big game reels. I bought the 30 TTS and the 50 TTS (a pair of each) and am in a quandry as to setting the drags. I don't want to break off the fish but by the same token, I don't want to fight each fish for an hour because my drags are not correctly set. Is there a system that the "experts" use when setting their drags? *Jim Branigan.*

Dear Jim,

In our opinion, two persons are needed to correctly set a drag on any of the lever drag type big game reels. One person handles the rod and the other a scale to accurately measure the EXACT amount of pounds pressure it takes to pull line against the drag.

The way we've always set our drags was to rig the rod by passing the line through all of the guides. We normally use a Bimini Twist or a Spider Hitch to create a double line of at least 15 feet.

A friend then attaches the line to the hook of a quality hand held scale and as I tighten the drag, he checks the amount of pull that's needed to cause the drag to slip. Once we get the drag pressure we want, we repeat the process to make sure it slips at that point each time we apply pressure to the rod.

Every angler has his or her own opinion of what amount of drag is correct for a given line weight. We prefer using about one-third of the listed break strength of the line. Meaning, a 30 pound test line should begin to slip against the drag when the scale shows 10 pound of pressure is being exerted. With 50 pound line we'll normally set the drag at 17 pounds and when using 80 we'll jump it up to 23 or 24 pounds of pressure. Remember, as you increase the amount of drag, you also put a greater strain on the angler who is holding the rod. Too much tension can actually pull the angler off his feet or, if used in actual fishing situations, might mean he will catapult off the stern and into the ocean with his intended quarry.

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Dear Doc,

I would like to make my own umbrella rigs. Where can I obtain a mold and the wire that I need? *Lou Pietro.*

Dear Lou,

Sorry, I don't know of a company that is marketing a mold for making the umbrella rig frames. Most of the guys and gals who build their own rigs made their own mold or had a local machinist make one for them.

We've always used steering cable for our coat hanger and umbrella rig frames. Most of the marinas and outboard repair shops will have used cable lying around. They may give it to you or will ask only a minimum amount for the broken cables.

However, unless you really want to make the rigs, I cannot see any reason to go through the expense of having a mold made, buying the cable and then spending your time to make the rigs.

Umbrella, coat hanger or gorilla rigs are sold with or without the surgical tubes. The rigs are actually quite inexpensive when purchased "naked." It is the surgical tubes that add to the total cost of commercially manufactured rigs. If you want to make your rigs to save money, forget it. You'll probably spend more on the mold and the cable than you would spend purchasing ready made rigs to last for years and years.

I suggest if you really want to make your rigs, purchasing the frames without surgical tubes and then buy-

ing a roll of surgical tubing, a box of Limerick hooks and some Bead Chain or large barrel swivels will do the job. But, believe me, you are not going to save a lot of money when you take your time and effort into consideration. We have umbrella rigs that have seen a half dozen or more birthdays and are still producing fish. I'd guess we lose a rig or two each season, and the replacement cost of those is less than $20. That's minimal when you consider today's prices.

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Dear Doc,

I live in Delaware and I am interested in wreck fishing. I have a 21 foot Mako equipped with a VHF, depth finder and a Loran C.

I read in the New Jersey Edition about the wrecks off the New Jersey coast. The article gave names, lat/lon and Loran numbers of each wreck.

Is there a book or chart that lists the wrecks off the Delaware Coast like those giving the New Jersey wreck locations?

I have seen the NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) charts, but they are not precise. Please help me find such a chart or book. *Jeff Powell.*

Dear Jeff,

I suggest you write to the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Ocean Service, Distribution (N/CG33), Riverdale, Maryland 20737 and request pamphlet #8 "Possible Sources of Wreck Information."

This pamphlet gives source information for locating wrecks and lists all of the current publications dealing with ocean wrecks plus the titles of books written concerning wrecks.

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Dear Doc,

My wife and I recently received two Penn 930 Levelmatics from our children. We like the reels, but wonder where we could obtain longer handles for this model as our fingers have difficulty with the short handle that comes standard with the Levelmatics.

Thank you for your kind consideration. *Leonard Kantor.*

Dear Leonard,

I called Ed Mesunas at Penn Fishing Tackle and he offers two suggestions. One is to try the handle with a double knob. This is standard on the Penn 940 Levelmatic. A second route is to visit some of the tackle shops in your area and to look for a replacement handle that was marketed by Gator Grip.

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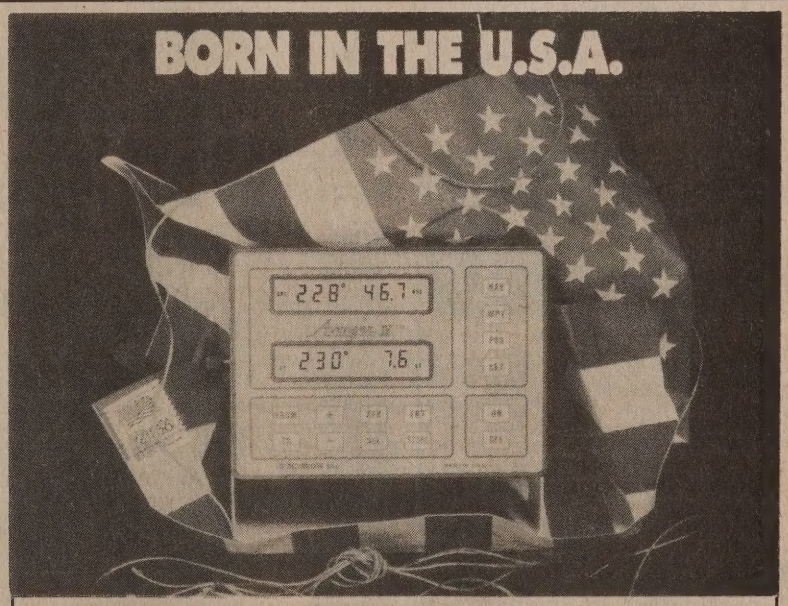

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by William A. Muller

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We're very proud of that because your entry fees minus cash awards goes into The Fisherman Sport Fishing Fund, a non-profit fund to finance activities and projects that will directly benefit inshore recreational fishing.

As you know, the fund has already helped to construct a new four wheel drive access parking facility at Gilgo Beach, and sometime in the very near future you'll be seeing three brand-spanking new fish cleaning facilities for your use. One will be at Captree State Park and another two at the Jones Beach Fishing Piers. These stations will provide running water, in addition to a stand-up cleaning area. We hope there will be a special ceremony sometime in September to dedicate these facilities.

Also under discussion for 1987 are five artificial fishing reefs and some further assistance to the State Parks in relation to recreational fishing opportunities and access. The point of this review is two-fold. First, to keep you informed of what's happening, and second to show you that your entry fees will and are coming back to you. The fees, incidentally, come back in two ways. First, each participant who attends the awards ceremony and takes full advantage of the opportunities made possible by the derby corporate contributors, will take home

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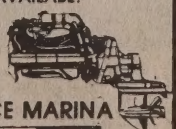

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The second way the fees come back to you is via the project support function of the fund as we have earlier described. In fact, one might consider a third way the fees come back to each participant. The third way is via the fun and friendly competition these derbies create.

Now let's look at the event itself and why you have a very real chance of winning. In recent years, very large blues have flooded our beaches. What beaches, you ask? Well, all of them at one time or the other. All you really need to win is a rod and reel and then get on the beach. Of course, you'll need an entry form! You don't need a lot of money to win since fancy equipment and expensive boats just aren't important here.

One fact that cannot be denied, however, is that you have to be in it to win it. Ask yourself: what can I lose for $5? What can you gain? Perhaps $500, perhaps a rod and reel combination, perhaps a can of Superlube, and perhaps no prize other than the one that brings better fishing to you, your friends and your family.

I'm asked what The Fisherman gets out of all this. The answer is obvious. Sure, we get some nice PR, but we do not touch the money in the fund, and in fact, it costs The Fisherman thousands of dollars each year to administrate these events. We are committed to improving inshore fishing in every way we can. If that means legislation, okay; and if that means setting up an independent fund, then fine to that too. The Fund is open to public scrutiny, incidentally, so anyone can satisfy their curiosity.

So, what have we got. Well, about 20,000 surf fishermen on Long Island. Let's get all of you registered this year. Let's make this derby the biggest ever.

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OUT OF THE WAY SURF SPOTS

by Fred Golofaro

I suppose it's the nature of most surfmen to romanticize their their favorite sport. After all, long stretches of white sand, fringing a crashing surf, are certainly a part of what surf fishing is all about. So, too, is the solitude which can often accompany the game. Yet, all too frequently, surf fishermen, like all anglers, have a tendency to flock together. They wind down the same trodden paths to the same well used spots day after day and night after night in pursuit of bass, weaks and blues.

There is something to be said for concentrating your efforts on time honored surf spots that have a reputation for producing fish season after season. But there are times too, when fishing well known surf haunts is no more than going through the motions while game fish go unmolested in some less obvious locale, often within shouting distance of a popular "hotspot." It seems that some anglers judge the value of a spot according to the number of other casters gathered there.

Probably the biggest reason that many "out of the way" surf spots go unmolested is a common misconception concerning where game fish "should" and "should not" be found. Far too many anglers believe that the most and biggest fish must be sought in the ocean or very close by near inlet mouths. Some have smartened up to the value of fishing the backsides of south shore inlets, but their numbers remain in the minority. When game fish seek food, their movements are not governed by any preconceived notions about where they should eat. Likewise, when we are on the prowl and hungry for action, our movements should not be restricted by any preconceived ideas concerning where bass, blues and weaks will or will not go. Their primary concern is locating an easy meal and an abundant food source and therein lies the key to finding fish in the surf.

Where are these "out of the way" spots? They are all over the Island and very often are places you would least expect to find game fish. Some are, as a wise man once said, "Right under your very nose." Don't be misled, however, into thinking that these locations will produce fish on demand trip after trip. Like all good fishing holes, they have their moments.

There is a certain reluctance on my part to share some of these spots with other casters. Probably the nature of the hunter to guard and protect his prize. In this case, spots that produce fish and a thorough dose of solitude as well. And partly, there is the resentment of a few who want to reap the rewards without any effort on their

own behalf. But those folks most likely lack the motivation to explore and discover the answers to these spots anyway. For those willing to learn, here are some of those "out of the way" spots that have bailed me out over the years.

Hordes of casters concentrate their efforts around Fire Island Inlet's Sore Thumb, Cedar Beach and Democrat Point. A number of years ago, reports of "accidental" weakfish being caught by bottom fishermen working the Oak Beach shore, near the groins on the south side of the inlet, led me to explore the area on night tides. Five and a half inch swimming plugs have produced numerous bass and weakfish here for me over the years.

Some of my most productive weakfish trips have taken place far from any inlet. Working the mouths of creeks and canals along Great South Bay's north side was extremely productive when weaks were abundant. Like most areas now, the fishing has been reduced to a pick, but look out when the stocks begin to recover. The mouth of the Connetquot River has long been a good spot. Fish of 10 to 12 lbs. are not at all uncommon here and the lack of strong currents and deep water enables the use of freshwater spinning rods and 6 to 8 lb. line. Four inch swimming plugs work well here, but so do live snappers in August.

Montauk, for all its famous surf spots, still manages to get crowded when the fish are around. One spot you'll never find any company, at least up until now, is the pocket adjacent to the Lake Montauk breakwater located at the foot of West Lake Drive. Nightfall finds stripers and sometimes weaks prowling among an abundance of bait. A good place to hide when a howling "easter" sends most surfmen scurrying for home.

Fishing piers are better known for producing snappers, flounder, blackfish and the like. Most serious surf fishermen disdain them in the quest for the big three. Some are, however, stragegically located and their structure is a natural haven for baitfish and hence, bass, blues and weaks. The Jones Beach and Robert Moses Fishing Piers are classic examples. While an occasional game fish is taken from these structures in the daytime, usually by accident, the best opportunities take place long after the sun has set.

As a footnote, I've caught many bass **inside** the boat basin at Captree State Park, though not in recent years. Would you believe the surface of the basin churned white by feeding stripers? If that doesn't help erase some of those preconceived notions, I don't know what will!

This was just a sampling of some of those "out of the way" spots I've discovered over the years. There are many more, just as overlooked, that I'll keep to myself for the time being. But I think you've got the idea. Fish don't read books and until they do, they will continue to turn up in the most "unlikely" places.

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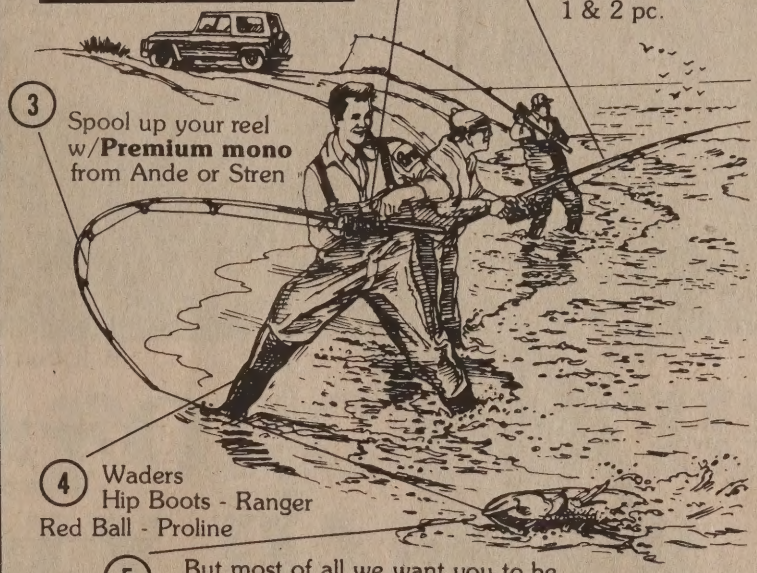

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NOT TO FORGET THE DEADLY DARTER

by Carl Buxbaum

Frequently overlooked during the current needlefish craze, the darter still has its shining moments.

Darters are usually best in moderately rough seas, when worked through fast water in tidal rips or lateral sweeps. Slow water deprives them of action, and very turbulent seas tend to toss them back to the beach before an angler can get their small, action inducing lips to bite water. The fat Super Strike version can sometimes save a trip in heavy seas and water too slow to make the slimmer Gibbs model come to life.

Super Strike also uses through-wire construction, which casters come to appreciate after dropping a trophy from a Gibbs darter and finding that the screw eyes were crushed and the hooks broken or bent open. I've got about a half dozen Gibbs plugs that were mangled in that way. They're souvenirs; reminders of battles lost. So when Super Strike came out with a through-wire slim version, imitating the Gibbs, I was eager to make the change. But for some reason that continues to elude me, I still catch more bass and weaks on the Gibbs model.

Whatever the make, my experience with darters suggests that color selection is important. White seems best at dawn and dusk, or under a very bright, clear, moonlit sky. It seems to always have an edge along open sand beaches. Yet yellow takes an incredible lead in rocky, weedy waters—especially over mussel beds. Sometimes, depending on the prevailing prey, and on dark nights, bass and weakfish just bang away at blue or mackerel finishes.

Darters are big-time plugs, designed for big-time fish in thundering and crashing seas; they need to be matched to business-like tackle that is up to the challenge. You'll want a long rod with lots of backbone, right up to the tip; a big reel, and at least 15 lb. line. There's no delicacy here. Think tough; think macho; think Ernest Hemingway, Teddy Roosevelt and big game.

Now if you're doing everything right, but not catching anything, while the fellow slinging a darter right next to you is littering the beach with bulky fish, sneak a good look at his plug. The odds are he's replaced the original tail hook with a 5/0 Siwash,

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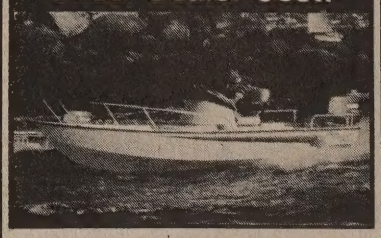
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I'm not arguing that the only plug you'll ever need is a darter, but I do believe it's probably the most important plug ever designed for the high surf. All you need is a little help from Mother Nature.

As I thumb through my fishing log now, it's clear that I amuse myself by making up titles for especially memorable angling adventures. There's the entry I'm looking for: "October 31, 1985—The Night of Thirteen Stripers...white darters..." Sounds like a paperback mystery. Then there's the next entry: "November 1, 1985—Mother Nature's Revenge...a most vicious skunking at the same spot..."

I was so convinced the fish would reappear that I stayed out all night and didn't get as much as a bump. I used nearly every plug accumulated over 20 years, after the darters failed. Painted tins did nothing. I even waded out neck deep to cast small slim minnow plugs on lighter tackle; to no avail.

Shortly after dawn a haul seining crew arrived and began to set around my personal water—surely I deserved some proprietary claim to it by then. Aren't there squatter's rights, or something like that. Well, I was bone tired, soaked through, and shivering. I went back to the truck, removed my foul weather top, climbed out of the clammy waders, and put on a dry, wool shirt, fresh socks and shoes. The sun felt good, making the truck toasty as I settled into the seat looking forward to watching an imagined video about haul seiners crying over an empty cod end. That pleasure would make up for a night of failure. But I should have known. She, Mother Nature, was out to get me. The coffee in the thermos was cold—one sip and I poured it out. I dozed off.

Voices and the groaning noise of straining engines awakened me. For a moment, I thought I'd fallen asleep in the middle of the Long Island Expressway. Blazers and Broncos and Cherokees and Ramchargers and campers, mounted on pick-ups, and people, more people: kids, tourists, anglers and seiners were everywhere.

"Look at that one!"

"Tons of 'em!"

"My God..."

"Mister, can I have one?"

"How much do you charge for one of those fish?"

"Let's watch and see to it that they release the shorts, those rotten sons of..."

There, taken from **my** water, was **my** fifty pound striper, in the midst of hundreds of good bass and hundreds more of chopper blues. A man in heavy black waders unceremoniously threw her into the back of a pick-up.

If only she'd taken my darter. Her end would have been so much more dignified.

At four in the afternoon I drove through the deeply rutted cut and onto a favorite stretch of beach. There were no signs of fish to the east, but looking west I saw two casters silhouetted against the descending late October sun. Though they didn't seem to be having much luck, I spun the wheel in their direction and soon pulled up to watch them meticulously cast needlefish plugs, which they allowed to sink before retrieving. Nothing doing. Still, they acted as if every cast counted. I headed further west and was fascinated by how yellow and electric the two anglers looked in the rear view mirror, compared to the gray figures I'd seen from the east. Suddenly one rod arched like the letter "C" on a neon sign; then the other rod took the same set; and I turned back toward a matched pair of sporting bookends.

Bluefish. They were into a school of modest blues, say six or seven pounders. The fellow with the bright green plug was outdoing his companion and the fish seemed to be hitting near bottom and at the far end of the cast. I guessed that deeper and farther might do better yet and wound up for a long throw with an Ava 27 metal, dressed with a green tube. The combination bumped bottom once, stopped cold and I reared back on something much beffier than the blues I'd seen.

The water near shore was sweeping hard to the right, and the fish ran with it, taking some line. I horsed it back until it slid sideways through the curl of a wave. It was a striper, green and silvery and orange from the last of the sun. I eased off to fight it like someone who knew what he was doing. It didn't have to be measured against the band of fluorescent tape fixed two feet up the rod butt. The bass was legal, at least 10 lbs., and I kept it for the table, to satisfy our family tradition of a striped bass appetizer for Thanksgiving.

But that was it. From then on only bluefish were taken, and I thought of moving on as a cadre of local anglers, who patrols the beach daily between work and dinner, schooled up around me.

Still that striper stuck in my mind, and I doubted it was alone; so I sat in the truck and waited for dark. Under the blackened sky short stripers hit the beach, and I joined the others in casting the surfman's new wonder lure: a needlefish. Bass after bass was released; all shorts.

I never feel right about handling so many short stripers—because deep down I know that a few will be too badly hurt to survive, and they'll have to be released anyway. While everyone else remained confident with needles, I switched to a white, 2½ ounce Gibbs darter, hoping to raise anything other than a short bass and prepared to catch nothing at all.

The darter was presented at a quartering angle to the left, slack line was taken up and it was allowed to sweep right, down current, on a very

off the Rhode Island shore a northeast wind will sweep past a small nubbin of land. You might find bass anywhere along the beach, but the lion's share seem to hold around that point. Are they feeding around a windline edge since the point is right in the teeth of the breeze, but the shore to your left is in the lee thanks to some high bluffs?

Edges can also take the form of a lee in a running tide, some place fish can hold out of the current yet see what's flowing by. One place along the Connecticut shore comes to mind here: it's a narrow island with boulders dotting its southern tip. On a dropping tide, the water sweeps in around the boulders creating small tide rips in any spot there's large holes between the stones. Bass, blues and sometimes big weakfish take up on the downtide side, feeding around the edges of the small rips.

Going way, way back I can remember people fishing the sunken jetty at 8th Street in Barnegat Inlet. Those guys would rack up up high, yearly scores by walking the distance to spots where the seas had pushed rocks away from the narrow jetty, creating holes. Water dropping out of the bay on the northern side would find the holes, washing through to the ocean on the southern side, bringing bait and bass to the dinner table around the edge of the rip that was formed.

You can find the same edges of a larger scale around a lot of coastal inlets or breachways. Look for some pocket that is close to the flow, then drop an eel or bucktail into it. Bass are smart creatures who let nature work for them. They're not going to buck the tide for six hours when they can fin at their leisure while at the same time watching the tide for midnight munchies. Some sneaky guys took the pocket idea a bit further. They scouted up inlets with rocks so situated that pockets were formed on both the incoming as well as outgoing tides. They often had a couple scores while their buddies gassed up at a gin mill, awaiting a late night, dropping tide.

On some beaches you don't have to cast far to reach an edge. Along some otherwise featureless sand beaches you have an edge right at your feet, right where the sand drops away, usually under the curl of the first or second wave out from where you stand. Fish move along that cut seeking food.

Still another beach had an edge in tight to a wooden bulkhead that ran parallel to the shore rather than out into the surf. On certain nights you could walk the bulkhead, picking schoolies feeding in close on crabs that lived around the pilings. An oncoming sea always brought the possibility of a salty bath, but that went with the territory. I've yet to see a bass swimming down the main street of town. Your chances are much better heading to the shore, seeking an edge.

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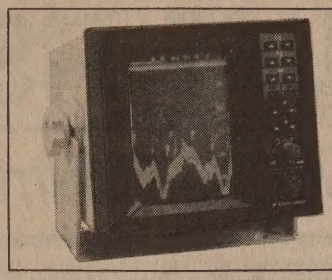

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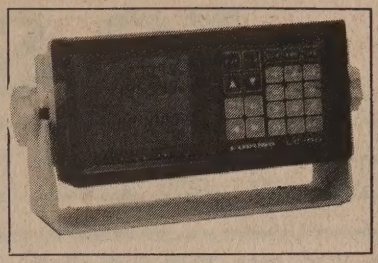

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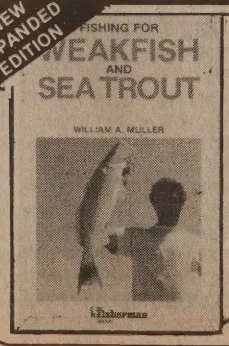

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STRUCTURED APPROACH TO SURF FISHING

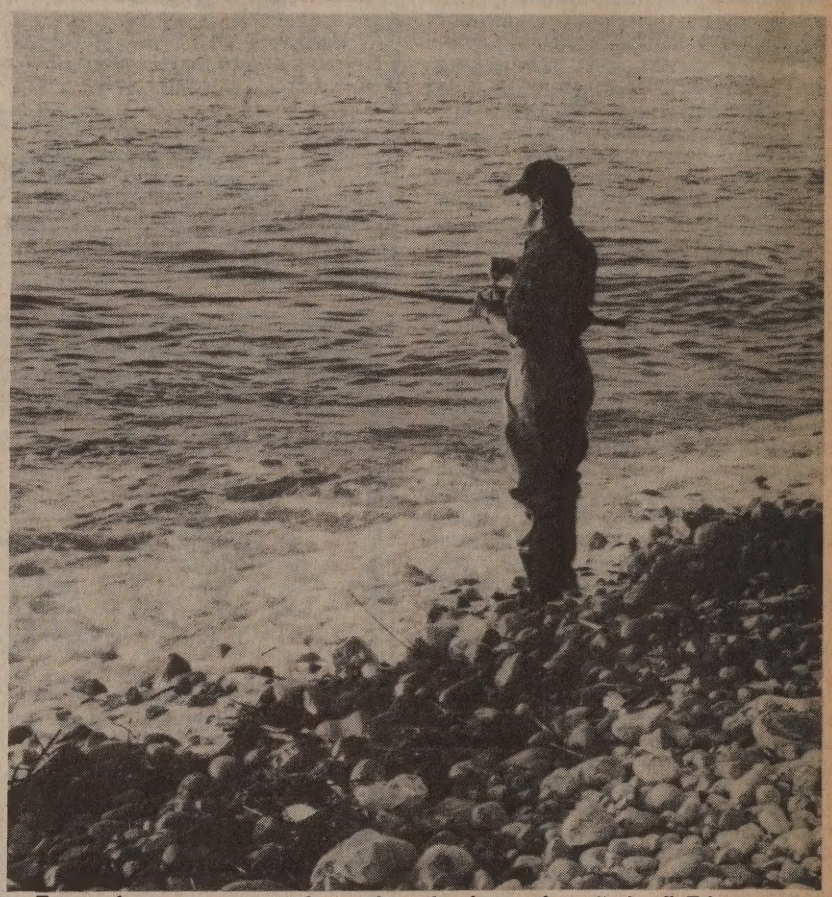
by Tim Coleman

Bass, bass, bass, bass, bass, bass, bass! Now that we have your attention, we'd like to offer a few suggestions where you might find some fish on your next trip to your favorite jetty or section of surf. Certain structure in those spots are the dining rooms fish move to for a meal. The person who casts his lures into those supper tables will likely encounter companionship.

Fish-holding structure for surf fishing can oftentimes be described as an edge. The word edge means different things to different groups in varying locales. The beach fishermen on the Cape seeks edges over sand bottom while people in some parts of Rhode Island have mostly boulder beaches to work with. Our counterparts in northern New Jersey head to rock piles in various states of old age, while I imagine the angler to the south of that seeks other points at the junction of shore and surf.

Years before Vietnam became a household word a couple of us were among the many fishermen on the Jersey shore. As always certain rock piles produced better than others which always brought the question, why? One night without much companionship we put a couple small pieces of the puzzle together by deducing the better jetties were ones with rocks tumbled about on their northern borders. Oncoming seas broke across those rocks creating a stream of white water heading into shore at a 45 degree angle from the jetty. On evenings with a good surf all one had to do—sometimes—was seek the inshore edge of the white water, then lay an eel on the supper table. Another handy tool was the fact that fish weren't always near the top. The answer then was to let the bait sink down a bit, sometimes to the heavier ladies every surf angler likes to meet. One night, over the front of a beat up jetty with a double string of pilings running a goodly ways offshore, we fished the same water for 20 minutes without a tap. The answer then was to cast, but let the eel go down for a slow count. The net result was four fish in the 20s plus another creature that took off like the hammers of hell, never to return.

Another thoughtful example of fishing an edge took place up along the Rhode Island shore. Four of us cast Needlefish plugs out over a foaming edge formed by a rock bar dropping off into deeper water. All the anglers were knowledgeable, yet one man handily outfished the rest. About 2AM he revealed his secret. Instead of casting out at a 90 degree angle to the bar, he threw his plug as parallel to the drop as he could. That way his lure was in the kill zone more times than the rest. Our total score that night was 17 fish; Pat, the thinker, caught a dozen of them. Incidentally, the fish went from 15 to the low 40s and all were released alive. Can you imagine guys being stupid enough to let all that fish flesh go free?



For surfmen, structure often takes the form of an "edge." Edges are loosely defined according to locale.

Here's some of the other forms edges can take. One night, this time in Jersey again, we found some fish way out in the middle of nowhere. By nowhere, I mean a section of a certain jetty where we'd never before encountered any bass. The fish seemed to be holding about 50 to 100 feet out from a rather featureless jetty on the edge of a wind line. A northeast wind swept around the southern point of the jetty that night. Waters to the rear of the southern side were calm since they were in a lee. Waters at the point were jumbled about by the breeze. At the point, the jetty rocks started to block the wind; this is where we stuck a couple 10 pounders and a 25 on an otherwise long night.

Over the years I've noticed similar situations with wind lines, often duplicating some of the diagrams you see in the freshwater mags instructing would-be Bassmasters on how to fish a windblown point. At one point

slow retrieve. When it passed unmolested through the zone where all the action had been, I was relieved and disappointed at the same time. But as the darter moved nearly parallel to shore, swinging into a pool where the persistent sea had sculpted a crescent in the beach, it was solidly slugged by a striper in the low teens.

Five similar bass were landed and released. Then a big one hit, and some of the fellows began to catch on as I followed the fish down current. Suddenly there was a surge of power, what felt like a second hit and the fish was off. With the line reeled in, a telltale sign of monster bluefish was evident. The leader had been bitten through by a chopper trying to steal the plug from the hooked fish.

With no evidence to establish the plug that drew the strike, the other anglers assumed I'd just lucked out with a now lost needlefish. They continued tangling with short stripers, while I snapped on a yellow darter, the only other one in a surf bag crammed with needles, three to the compartment. I released one more keeper sized bass and a muscular blue. But the action was very slow.

Either white was the color or the bass moved off. Betting on color, I went back to the truck, found a fat, 3 oz. white Super Strike darter and put it into action. Stripers were still there—better ones. I quit with the thirteenth one beached. It was badly hooked and hemorrhaging at the gills. So I had to keep it; filling my legal limit of two stripers.

One of the two fellows who were on the beach first, saw me carry the bass toward my vehicle and followed curiously with a pocket scale. The fish was a tad over 20 lbs. And he complained about having taken only one fish over 20 inches. When I showed him the darter, he said: "Nobody uses those things any more." I suggested that "nobody" might be an overstatement. "But it's so hard to change, when you're working a plug that's taking fish." I agreed: "It's hard."

In all honesty, the fish showed a distinct preference for needles that night. The skinny sticks took more blues and bass than did the darters. I suspect that my success with bigger fish was due to the fact that the smaller, more aggressive, bass were letting the darters pass—giving their lazy elders a chance to slurp easy meals. A secondary factor was probably related to the big baits, big fish theory. That may explain why the largest of the bass fell for the huskiest darter, the 3 oz. Super Strike.

Like most casters last fall, I continued starting a night's activity with needlefish, but began switching off to darters almost immediately, if quality fishing didn't result. And there were many trips wnen darters culled some nice fish from an apparently dead surf. It should be no surprise that a plug with a solid record of success, year after year, continues to be hot, despite the latest fad.

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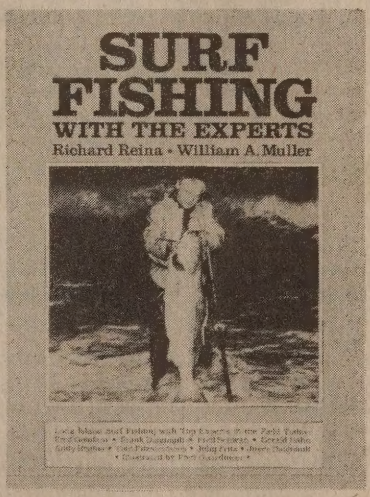

Finally, a surf book that lays bare all the nitty gritty secrets that help to explain why ten percent of the fishermen catch 90% of the fish! Although this book was authored mainly by Long Island Surf fishermen, there's much more to this book than a discussion of Long Island Surf fishing. Do you like to fish the beaches at Cape Cod, or have you dreamed of fishing there? Well then, this book has just what you need; a chapter devoted to the hows, whys, and whens or Cape Cod surf fishing by Frank Daignault. Perhaps Montauk is the spot that makes your blood boil. Yes, there's a chapter especially about this famous surf fishing spot too, authored by Fred Schwab whose been a "regular" there for about twenty years. The book is loaded with how-to chapters about gear you'll need to get started, casting techniques, the effect of winds, tides, and moon phases on surf fishing, how to use artificials and when, bait rigs and baitfishing techniques, as well as informative chapters about the history of surf fishing, how to start a surf fishing club, and how to successfully release fish. All of these chapters and more cover information and techniques that work on all beaches. This surf fishing book offers another bonus. Although a lot of attention is given to fishing for bass, blues, and weaks, there are also sections on surf fishing for fluke, flounder, blackfish (tautog), mackerel, whiting, kingfish, and porgies (scup). Most surf fishing books ignore these species, but not this book, because we know how many surf fishermen like to catch these fish for fun and the table. And ladies, we haven't forgotten you either, More and more women are enjoying surf fishing. We asked Joyce Daignault to write a chapter on this facet of the sport since she's spent many hours in the suds on many beaches. Her comments are provocative but right on target. There's more too, but discover it for yourself, such as illustrations by Fred Guardineer. L.I.F. Publishing, 252 pages, photos and illustrations.

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by Dick Mermon

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The blue blitz was on and most everyone had the standard equipment designed for surf fishing: long rods and big reels filled with fifteen to twenty pound test line. Everyone, that is, except one outstanding angler who seemed to outfish every caster on the beach, including myself. His choice of equipment was a 5'10" or 6 foot, one piece graphite rod, a medium/light spinning reel, probably spooled with ten pound test line. Not only was his ability to produce fish with this equipment eye-catching, but the angler never kept the fish caught. Each and every bluefish beached on this tackle was returned to the wash, released in true sportsmanship means.

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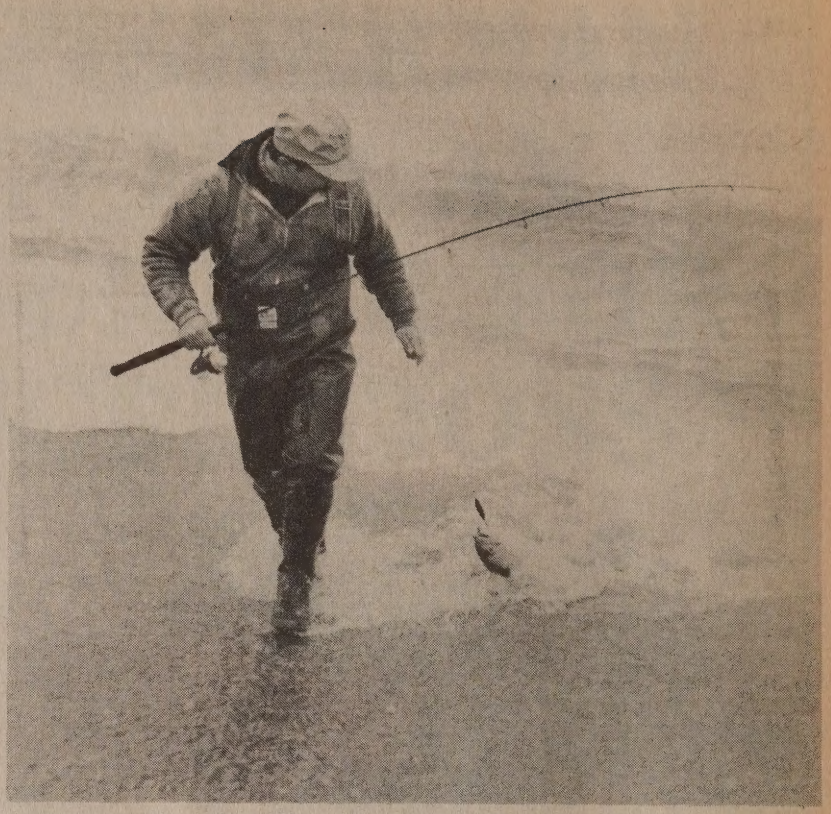

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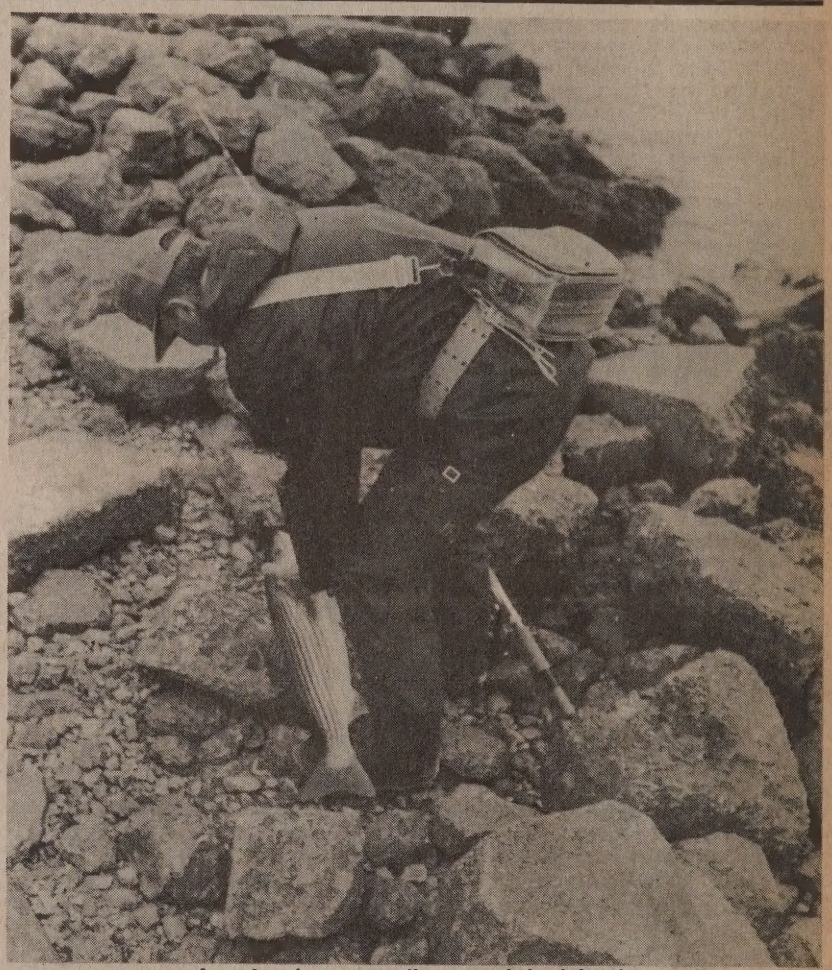
In 1913 Charles Church captured a 73 pounder as he trolled a rigged eel in the Canapisit Channel between Cutty and Nashaweana. Recently, Charlie Cinto, fishing with guide Frank Sabatowski, tied Church's record while fishing off Cutty on the Sow and Pigs reef. Unfortunately, this fish was not accorded record status due to the tackle used. While these noteworthy fish were caught from boats, the surf fisherman will find great opportunity on the island.

Access to the island is limited. The most economical method of transport is the ferryboat Alert. The Alert is berthed in New Bedford and crosses the Sound once daily during the summer and follows a reduced schedule during the fall and spring. Seating capacity on the Alert is limited to 49; therefore, reservations are advised. Others seeking a faster and truly breathtaking view of the Island and Sound can charter passage with Island Air Service, which maintains float plane service with the island. It is also possible to arrange transport with local boat owners or guides.

Accommodations on the island are limited for the most part to the Allen House, although it is possible to make arrangements with the locals. Should one choose to stay at the Allen House, he will find it to be fairly inexpensive; $50 per night including breakfast and comfortable. The hotel also prepares tasty meals, and can cater to the whimsy of the surf fisherman who thinks it is more important to fish than eat. Food is also available at the local bakery, in season and in the general store. Expect to find the bare essentials at the store; bring the majority of supplies that you will need.

Selection of tackle and equipment is a personal matter. However, there are several factors to keep in mind: the best fishing occurs off rock beaches; this fact and the definite possibility of large fish indicates the need for solid equipment. Whether this means conventional or spinning tackle is dependent upon the angler's personal preference. Secondly, there are no facilities for rental of bikes or any other form of transportation; therefore, the angler must be prepared to carry what he needs to the beach. Mobility is the key here. Dress warmly and bring quality waders; Cutty is 14 miles at sea and water temperatures average several degrees lower than those of the mainland. Wet wading is not recommended. Lastly, there are no fishing supplies available locally. You will not be able to replace that worn line or favorite pencil popper should a nasty bluefish decide to take it from you. So be prepared!



A rocky shore prevails around the island.

Let's assume that your gear is stored and you are ready for some angling action. My favorite area is located on the southwestern side of the island, near the remnants of a concrete World War II observation tower. Any of the locals or the hotel staff can easily send you off in the proper direction. As you walk through the village you'll hear the hum of the generating plant, and see the ancient Cuttyhunk Bass Club, where men of means stayed when they visited the island in the last century. The club

was disbanded in 1907, however, the fish shaped weathervane reminds one of its past. Eventually the road from the village turns to dirt. Follow the path for about a 30 minute walk at a leisurely pace. Look to the left for a path to the beach. Don't panic if you miss the path; there are many which lead to the beach. In a few minutes you should be on or near the Coast Guard beach. Fish this section well. It would be immediately recognizable to any good surf fisherman that this is bass country. The beach is marked with huge boulders, a constant supply of white water and sudden dropoffs. On cloudy days these beaches will often hold fish throughout the day. The fish holding nature of this area's beaches becomes immediately apparent when you start getting savage strikes three or four feet from your rod tip. Fish this whole southwestern section of the island carefully. Pay particular attention to the beach that has the concrete remnants of the old World War II tower falling down the high grey earthern bank.

In terms of lures and methods I have found that plugs that can be kept close to the surface and retrieved slowly, to be most effective. During the day I found a Gibbs pencil popper retrieved with a moderate rate to be the ticket. After dark I had considerable luck with a vintage white Danny plug rigged with a 4 inch Red Gill teaser. This combination of a durable, floating lure which can be fished slowly is essential at Cuttyhunk. Lures which are not durable, sink quickly, or work too deeply will soon become lost or mangled upon Cutty's mean rocks. Use a slow to moderate retrieve. Expect strikes at any point, but pay particular attention to the end of the cast as many strikes will occur on the stones three or four feet from the rod tip. On my last visit to the island these methods led to one of the most prolific surf fishing experiences of my life. On Saturday evening, I caught ten bass and one blue to 10 lbs., in three hours. On the next morning I caught 11 bass with the biggest being 20 lbs. While I have on occasion caught more or bigger fish, I have never enjoyed any kind of bass fishing that approached Cuttyhunk in terms of consistency.

Other spots to try include the barges near the harbor. These barges were sunk after the Second World War to prevent beach erosion and are reported to be a good spot for big fish on bait. Try the Canapitsit Channel also. Maybe a fish bigger than Church's or Cinto's is waiting for you.

In closing, I would remind the prospective adventurer to make all reservations, for accommodation and transport, in advance; bring all the tackle and supplies he will require, a sturdy pair of waders, warm clothing and a camera to record your fish so they can be released. Make the proper preparations and a Cuttyhunk surf fishing trip will be an adventure that will bring you back across the sound time and time again.

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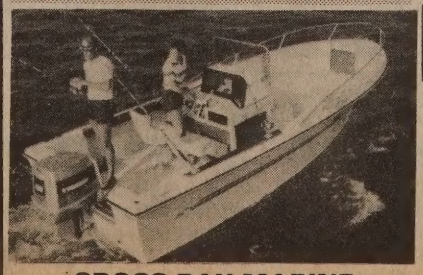

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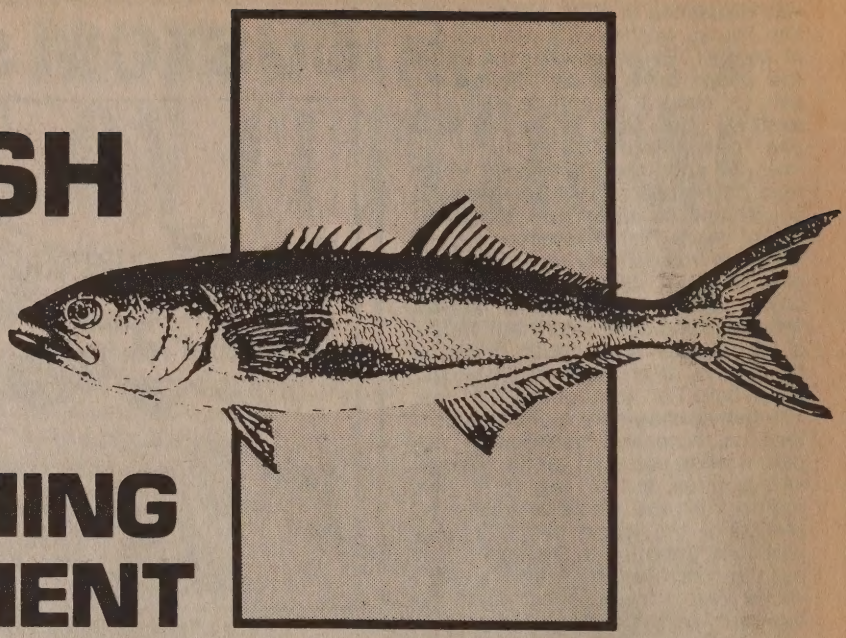

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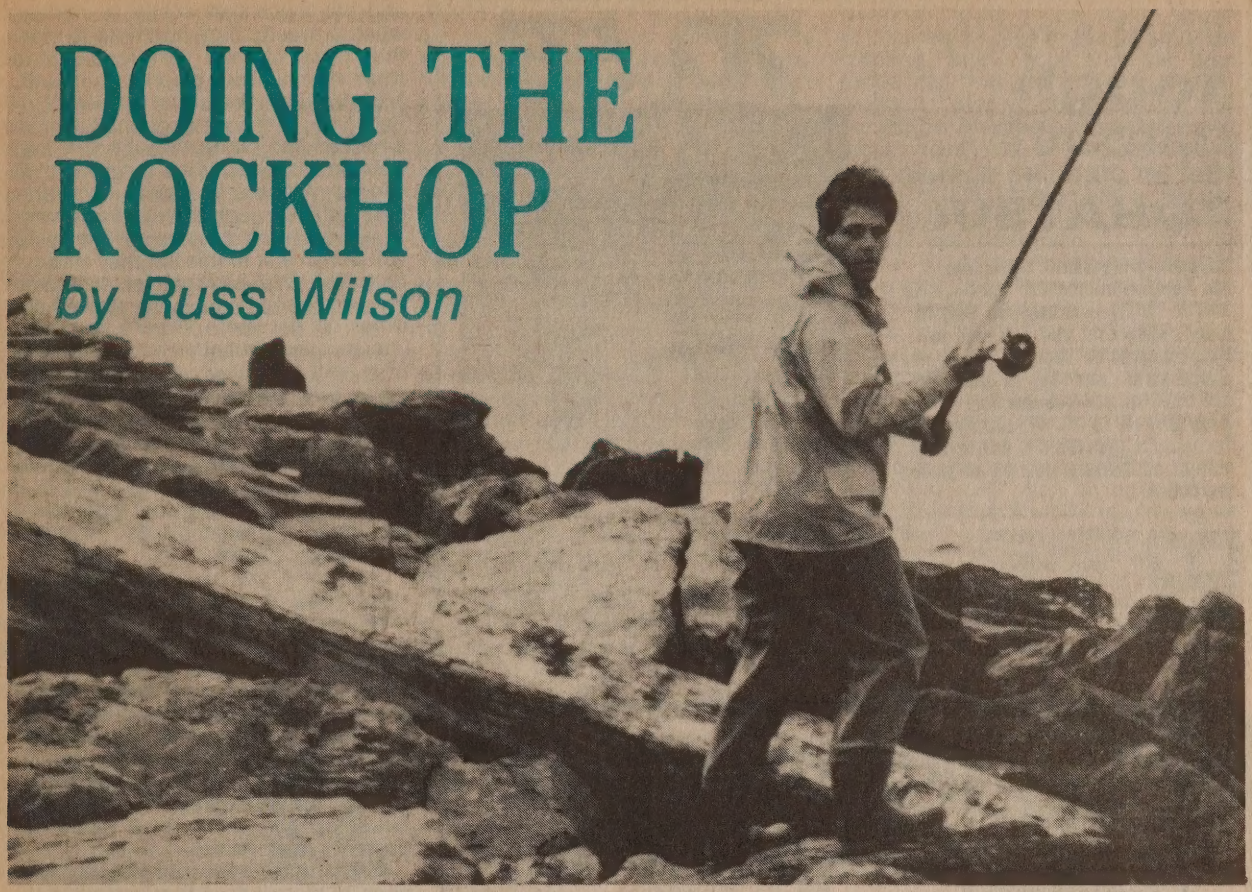
DOING THE ROCKHOP

by Russ Wilson



It was a night straight from the bowels of Hell. Pitch black, an eerie wind whistling from the northwest and the usual sounds that make being alone at night a terrifying experience for young and old alike. This night, however, was different. We weren't alone nor did the darkness or wind frighten us. We were fishing for striped bass off a coastal rock pile and for once, every piece of the puzzle was in place.

Big linesiders, some hitting the 30 lb. mark, were in the shallows and smashing into schools of mullet. It was a bassman's dream come true. Each cast brought a strike or a hooked striper and the half dozen of us who lined the rock pile were tingling with the excitement that goes along with a blitz situation.

Some bass managed to get stuck and others simply slapped the big plugs and swam off none the worse for wear. The blitz lasted for more than two hours on a dropping tide and by the time the bass had satisfied their urge to eat, each of us had a season's worth of memories to carry with us.

Exciting fishing? You bet. Unfortunately, for many of us it is a scene that will not be repeated. Fishing the jetties is hard work and as the years take their toll, a lot of dedicated striper addicts fall by the wayside.

Striped bass fishing can do strange things to an otherwise sane person. The thought of rising at three or four in the morning to go to work would cause most of us to quit our job. Also, just thinking about working in the rain, being out in the cold on a chilly November night, or having to clamber over moss-covered rocks does not fall into the best working conditions category. But, to a dedicated striped bass fisherman, it is all a part of the game and must be endured if one hopes to catch these unpredictable fish.

We've been there, time and time over, and would not trade those times for any amount of money. Unfortunately, today's bass fisherman does not have the easy access to jetties that we once enjoyed. Nor does he, or she, have as many stripers to catch. The majestic striper is in trouble throughout most of its range and severe regulations are being put into effect to curtail the harvest of these wonderful fish.

Surf and jetty fishermen do have other avenues to follow. The inshore shallows are home to other species including weakfish, big and small bluefish and many species of bottom feeders including fluke, tautog, sea bass and in the colder months, ling and whiting. These are not, however, the striped bass and they do not attract as many fishermen as do the stripers; but, as a renewable resource, even the lowly ling or whiting will provide some reasonably good fishing for the shore-based angler who is willing to work for his catch.

Probably weakfish attract the greatest number of Jetty Jocks. The weakfish is a game fish of the highest order and will eagerly prey upon smaller baitfish, bottom life, crabs and sea worms. And, as a bonus, weakfish can be found in the shallows during daylight or after dark, which makes him accessible to more fishermen.

Weakfish will never attain the heavyweight proportions of a big cow striper and any weakfish you catch that tops 15 lbs. will give you local bragging rights. But, since weakies do feed on the same baits used for stripers and can be taken on similar type spinning or conventional tackle, a lot of fishermen who previously concentrated their efforts toward the striped bass are now dyed-in-the-wool weakfishermen.

The usual array of plugs, metals and bucktails will catch weakfish when they are prowling the white water for an easy meal. Sub-surface swimmers such as the Bomber, Hellcat, Storm's Big Mac, Rapala, Rebel, Redfin, Atom and the Bagley are very popular among Jetty Jocks who fish specifically for weakfish and stripers. Blues will eat these also, but who really wants to unhook a 15 lb. slammer blue that has a mouth full of plug and is thrashing wildly with those extra treble hooks posing an immediate threat to one's anatomy.

If bluefish are present and they usually are when the fall run is under way, we'll opt for a single hook metal like the Hopkins, Kastmaster, Ultimus or any passable imitation of them. Bucktails are equally effective

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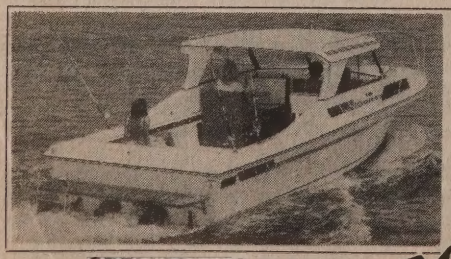

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and are much less costly to replace when a greedy blue attempts to steal that piece of food that is dangling from the hooked bluefish's mouth. Most bite-offs that occur among bluefishermen are not the direct result of a hooked fish biting through the line, but comes about when a second fish tries to steal the lure and in the process, bites through the monofilament.

A short trace of nylon covered wire will put an end to this but may also cut down on the number of hits you receive due to its visibility to the fish. Blues do not seem to care if a wire leader is used but other game fish will often shy away from the leaders. It is up to each person whether or not to use the cable covered leaders. We tend to take our chances when using metals that are cast and retrieved fast but will often go with a short (4 to 6 inch leader) when fishing specifically for blues and using the leadhead bucktail type lures.

Any jetty jock worth his salt will carry some monofilament leaders to take the abuse that goes with fishing sharp-edge rocks. A short trace, say two feet or so, should be all you'll need. The leader is attached to the line via a barrel swivel and the plugs or metal can be attached to the leader with a clinch knot or via a snap swivel. We normally tie direct to cut down on bulk at the business end of our rig, but this, too, is strictly a matter of personal preference.

Our long time favorite jetty outfit is slightly shorter than that preferred by most experienced rock hoppers. The rod measures exactly eight feet from tip to butt and will handle weights of up to five ounces or so without too much strain. With it, or a similar fiberglass blank, we've caught lots of stripers in the 20 to 40 lb. bracket and enough blues to fill a pick up truck. It is a workhorse rod that covers a multitude of sins on our part.

Everyone has their own idea of what makes the perfect reel for jetty fishing. Some experienced jetty fishermen will use only a spinning reel while others scorn them in favor of the standard revolving spool conventional casting reel. Both will get the job done if the angler knows how to use his tackle correctly, but in our opinion, the spinning reel does allow more flexibility since it is easier to use during night fishing sorties and does not tire us out as quickly as the revolving spool models which require a little more muscle to cast.

Whatever type of reel you elect to use, make sure it is kept well oiled (not with premium Scotch) and has a full spool of good abrasion resistant line. A full spool will allow you greater ease in casting and also gives a faster pick up as line is wound onto the spool during the retrieve.

We have always used 17 or 20 lb. test monofilament when fishing from the surf or jetties. The 20 will withstand lots of abuse and has sufficient strength to hoist small stripers, weakfish or blues onto the jetty without having to first gaff the fish. If you

hope to release some of the fish you catch, this is the only way to ensure their survival.

There is one exception to the 17 or 20 lb. test rule. During late season when air temperatures often nosedive into the 20s, we'll use a lighter line to retard stiffness. We've used 10 but feel 12 or 14 inch is a much better choice since it is strong enough to handle any bass, blue or weakie we are likely to hook.

It can be mighty cold on a jetty in the middle of November. Anyone who is thinking of trying this type of fishing is advised to dress for the occasion. Foul weather gear is a must. Don't rush out to purchase just any kind of protective gear. Pick the lightest weight you can find that is constructed to take punishment. For a lot of years we used only the heavy rubber type foul weather pants and jacket and were constantly soaked from perspiration because the gear was just too heavy.

Rubber boots are also a must-have item. You can wear knee high, hip waders or chest type waders and most experienced jetty jocks we've known carried all three for varying conditions or to use when fishing different areas of the Atlantic Seaboard. In addition to the boots, you must have some type of creeper cleats to ensure safe footing when negotiating slippery jetty rocks. There are several good slip-on rubbers currently being marketed throughout the northeast. Walt's Walkers are a well made, slip-on rubber that has steel spikes mounted into the rubbers. Korkers, first used by trout and salmon fishermen on the Great Lakes are also all right if the straps are kept tight to avoid losing the Korker when moving from spot to spot.

We have some boots that were fitted by golf soles by a local shoemaker that have lasted for years. They are definitely a lot more costly than the slip-on type creeper, but for anglers who do a lot of jetty jumping, the cost is justified.

A light is also a very important piece of equipment for night fishermen who probe the rock piles. You'll need the light to see where you are walking and to facilitate lure changes, leader replacement or when fishing natural baits. There are literally hundreds of excellent night lights available. The miner's type neck lamp is a favorite of many rock hoppers, but the battery pack which holds four D cell batteries must be carried in a pocket and can be a nuisance when bending or moving at awkward angles as you go from one rock to another. Some enterprising jetty jocks have been rigging a standard two cell flashlight with a lightweight cord so it can be slipped over the head and will hang from the neck in easy reach when needed.

You will also need some type of bag to carry extra plugs, metals, bucktails, leaders and other pieces of terminal tackle. Tackle boxes are as out of place as drunks at a temperance meeting. Buy a good shoulder type tackle bag that has sturdy compartments for storing plugs so they will not tangle. Most good tackle bags also have a pouch for carrying metals and bucktails. I is well worth the extra money to buy a quality bag in the beginning for it will outlast inexpensive models five times over.

The mistake many novice jetty fishermen make is to try to carry too much tackle. Pick out a half dozen plugs and learn how to make them talk. Once you get those figured, a few metals, a bottle of pork rind, some leadhead bucktails and a few packs of plastic worms in a variety of colors round out your ammo.

You cannot carry every lure that's ever been built when trying to negotiate the jetties. By having only those lures that you know produce, you will cut down on the weight and will not be as hasty in changing lures if you don't get a hit every five minutes. Some days the fish just do not respond in a hurry and the person who is willing to stick it out will usually be the one who comes up smiling.

There is a special appeal to surf and jetty fishing and it is not necessarily the amount of fish that are caught. For each fish you catch from a rock pile, you'll probably catch ten when fishing from a boat. But, it is not the same. Just ask any saltwater fisherman who has been there.

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S.S. BLACK POINT

by John Raguso

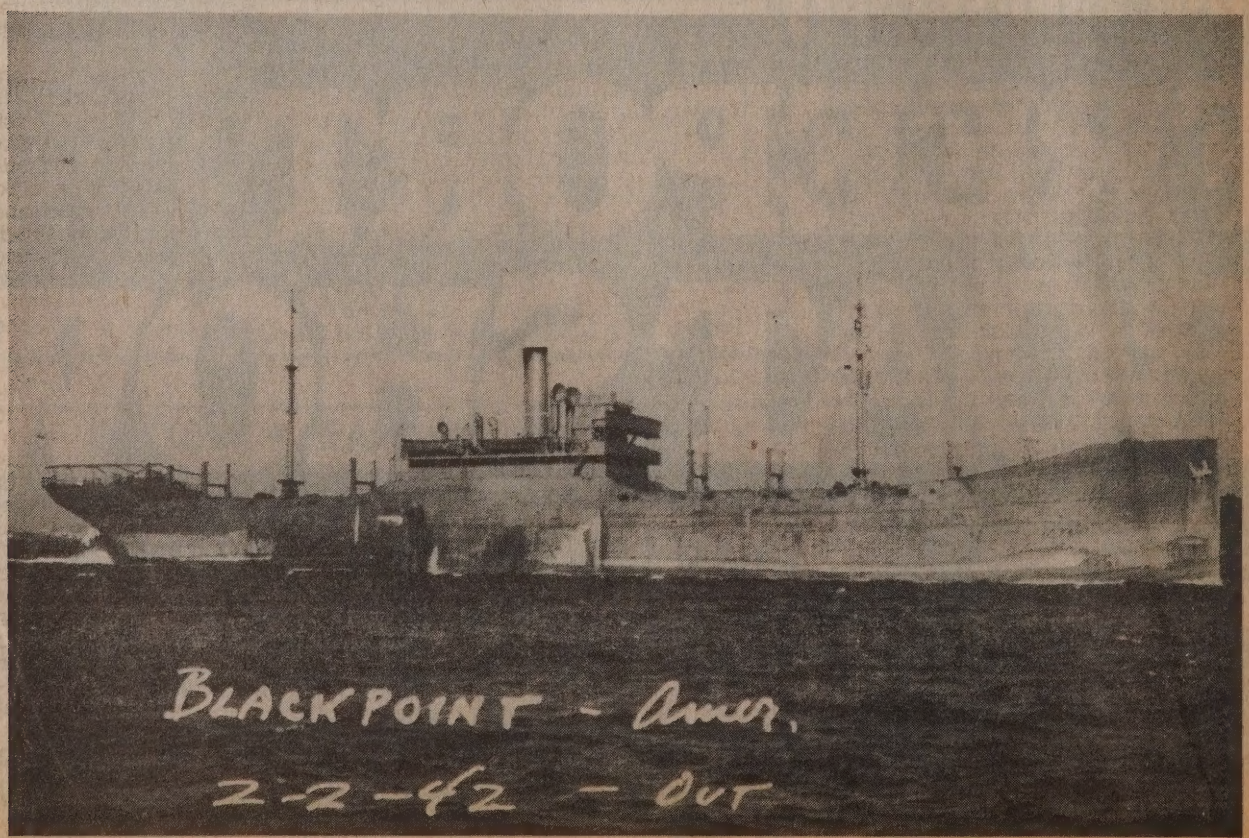
Dateline: May, 1945. The long, costly world war in Europe was drawing to a conclusion. Admiral Karl Donitz of the German Navy had replaced Hitler subsequent to the Fuehrer's suicide. He was quoted in the New York Times in a May 5th story as telling Nazi military forces that, "the struggle against the Western Powers has become senseless." A United Press story out of London, dated May 4th, claimed that Donitz issued a personal order to all U-Boat commanders to "cease hostilities" at once, and to start their homeward journeys.

Hidden in the last paragraph of the UPI story was a warning from expert U.S. Naval sources. They surmised that since some of the most fanatical members of the Nazi military were the corps of commanders in the Submarine service, this order might go unheeded as they carried out the struggle to the bitter end. Perhaps that was the case, or maybe the message just hadn't reached the 24-year-old commander of U-853, Oberleutnant Helmut Froemsdorf, as he lay in waiting just a few miles northeast of Block Island.

The crew of the Collier Black Point were completing an uneventful cruise from Newport News, Virginia, where they had loaded the cargo hold of the vessel with approximately 7,500 tons of soft coal. Their final destination was scheduled to be Weymouth, Massachusetts. Leaving their coastal convoy at the approaches to New York Harbor, little did they suspect the cat-and-mouse game in which they would unwillingly participate, having the dubious distinction of becoming the last American Flag merchant ship sunk by a German submarine, only a few hours before the war would officially end.

Although a sinking this close to home during the war's waning weeks should have received a lot of ink from the local papers, the destruction of the Black Point had to compete with the front page headlines created by Germany's surrender. As such, the most comprehensive account of the Collier's sinking was given by the commander of one of the USN vessels who responded to the attack by the German U-Boat. It appeared in the Naval Institute Proceedings and Commander Tollaksen, skipper of the U.S. Frigate/sub chaser Moberly, related the following: "During the closing months of World War II, Grand Admiral Donitz sent many of his U-Boats to operate off the coasts of the United States and Canada. These boats kept up their attacks on enemy Allied shipping until the final hours before Germany's surrender. U-853, which was a type IX-C, 740-ton snorkel boat, reached her operating area off southern New England late in the month of April, 1945. She remained undetected in her patrol area off Block Island until the after of 5 May, at which time she torpedoed and sank S.S. Black Point, a small collier with a load of soft coal bound for Boston.

"Black Point was taking a well-traveled route from New York City to Boston via the coastal waterway of Long Island Sound, Rhode Island



Sound and the Cape Cod ship canal. The collier was without escort and was not zigzagging, for those waters were considered free of enemy submarines. As she was about to enter the western end of Rhode Island Sound, some four miles southeast of Point Judith, Rhode Island, an explosion tore away about 40 feet of her stern section. Twelve men lost their lives when the ship sank, several of them dying immediately in the after section when the torpedo hit. A total of 34 men, including three injured, were rescued by ships which soon converged on the scene. Black Point settled rapidly by her stern, rolled over to port, and capsized at 1755 hours, about 15 minutes after the explosion of the torpedo. One of the merchant men which was in the area to pick up survivors, the S.S. Kamen, sent out an S.O.S. report of the torpedoing and information regarding the location of Black Point.

"The signal was picked up at 1742 hours by the radio operator of Moberly, a Coast Guard frigate, travelling in company with two Navy destroyer escorts. These ships, which were about 30 miles south of the sinking, were remnants of Task Group 60.7, an escort group which had just delivered the merchant ships of convoy GUS-84 to Norfolk, Philadelphia and New York City. A fourth warship, the Destroyer Ericsson, was far ahead en route to Boston, having already entered the Cape Cod Shipping Canal. Embarked on Ericsson was CTG 60.7, Commander F. McCune, USN. All the ships were headed for the Boston Naval Shipyard for much needed repairs and provisions. Lieutenant Commander L. Tollaksen, USCG, commanding officer of the Coast Guard frigate, was the senior officer present of the three vessels, Amick, Atherton and Moberly. He immediately notified the two destroyer escorts of the situation. As Atherton was in the lead, she was directed to proveed to the scene of the sinking and then to sweep south from that position. Amick, being the next in the column, was to examine the Block Island Sound area on the westward approaches to the sinking, while Moberly would examine the eastern approaches to this area, and thus box-in the enemy submarine. All three ships were to maintain extreme sonar alert and evaluate possible contacts as they went to their assigned areas.

At this time, an attempt to communicate with Commander McCune in Ericsson was made, but to no avail. Meanwhile, the other three ships reached the area of the sinking about 1930 hours and began to work themselves into a scouting line to sweep to the south from the northern tip of Block Island. They took station about 3,000 yards apart on a line abreast. Atherton, because of her excellent sonar team and equipment, was assigned to what the Officer of the Task Force (OTC) determined was the most likely escape route of the enemy submarine. Moberly took the eastern position as guide and Amick was assigned to the central position.

"The search was planned on the assumption that the submarine would try to run out of the area at high speed until her skipper felt he could safely lie on the bottom for the night. It was believed that she would not get very far, as she would want to keep a reserve charge in her batteries. About nine miles to the south of the sinking of Black Point was an area which might be chosen by the submarine as an excellent place to hide. In this area, known as the East Ground, there was a steeply rising shoal, alongside of which a submarine might be able to lie and escape detection f any searching destroyer. In addition, there was the possibility of a wreck in the area, which would further confuse the search by providing a strong metal echo on the bottom. Such tactics were the latest in use by German U-Boats. Once the above course of action was deemed most likely for the German submarine skipper to follow, the search plan was setup to sweep across this area and back."

The remaining part of this chase will air next week in the installment on the U-853. Getting back to what happened to the Black Point, the sub stuck a "tin fish" in her side at approximately 1740 EWT, hitting the vessel on the starboard quarter, and the explosion destroyed the stern. The engines were secured at once and the ship abandoned. The collier foundered by the stern and rolled over to port. The forward part of the hull, bottom up, floated for a few minutes and then slipped beneath the waves to her watery grave.

Of her complement of 41 merchant crew and five Navy armed guard, 15 survivors were picked up by crash boats from Quonset Point, Rhode Island and landed at Newport, Rhode Island. Nineteen survivors were picked up by Coast Guard boats and landed at Point Judith, Rhode Island. All survivors were rescued by 1910 EWT. A total of 11 of her merchant crew and one of her Navy armed guard were killed in the attack by the sub.

The Black Point's position near the 15 fathom curve puts her in the unique position of being deep enough to harbor a wide range of groundfish, while being close enough to many shore points so that a good number of anglers can enjoy fishing her shadows. Depending on the season, you will find hake, blackfish and sea bass, along with the occasional pollock and cod inhabiting the wreck. Schools of bluefish can also be expected to pay a visit to the Black Point, in addition to a stray shark or two. Special thanks to diver Andrew Meshel for helping pinpoint the Black Point's positional whereabouts.

Next week, tune in to the exciting conclusion of this two-part story, where the U.S. Navy hunter/killer task force tracks down the slippery U-Boat to repay the debt.

THE S.S. BLACK POINT

Vital Statistics

Date Sunk: May 5, 1945
Year Built: 1918 at Camden, New Jersey
Former Names: Fairmont, Nebraskan
Length: 369 feet
Beam: 55 feet
Displacement: 5,353 gross tons
Type of Vessel: Collier (bulk cargo carrier)
Hull Construction: Steel
Hull Condition: Broken up into at least two pieces.
Depth of Water: 95 feet
Depth Over Wreck: 44 feet
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Montauk Pt. to 'IBI' bell	16.8	063°	243°

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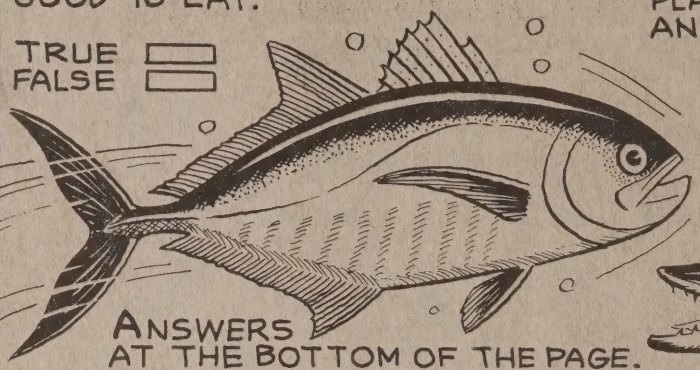

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(2) ALL SIX SPECIES OF PIKE INCLUDING THE SIBERIAN MUSKELLUNGE *(AMUR PIKE)* ARE FOUND IN ONLY ONE PLACE IN THE WORLD, AN EASTERN U.S. STATE.

MASSACHUSETTS ☐
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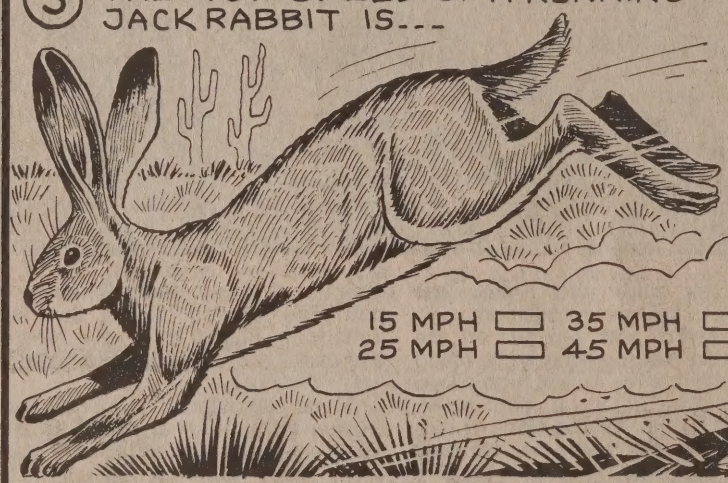
(3) THE TOP SPEED OF A RUNNING JACK RABBIT IS---



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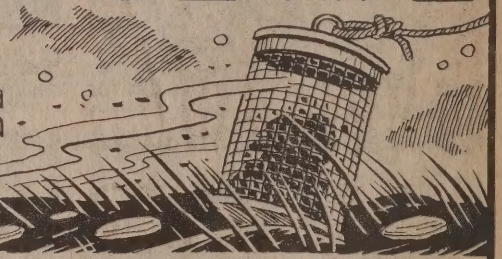
(4) WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIES OF FISH CAN BE ATTRACTED BY THE SLICK OF MOSSBUNKER CHUM?

BLUEFISH ☐ SNAPPERS ☐
WEAKFISH ☐ SEA BASS ☐
KINGFISH ☐ FLUKE ☐
BLOWFISH ☐ PORGIES ☐



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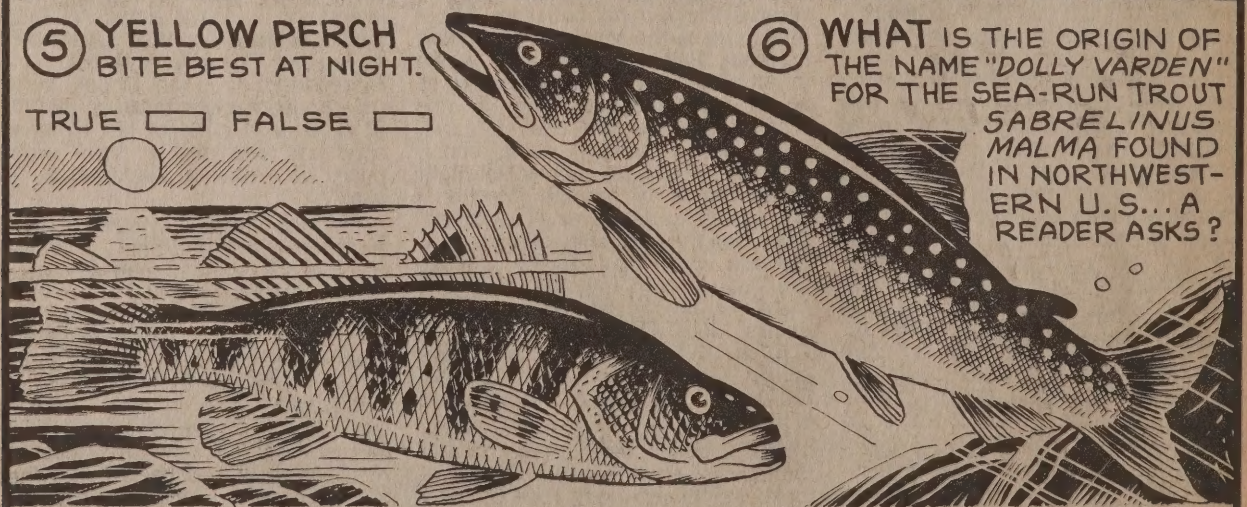
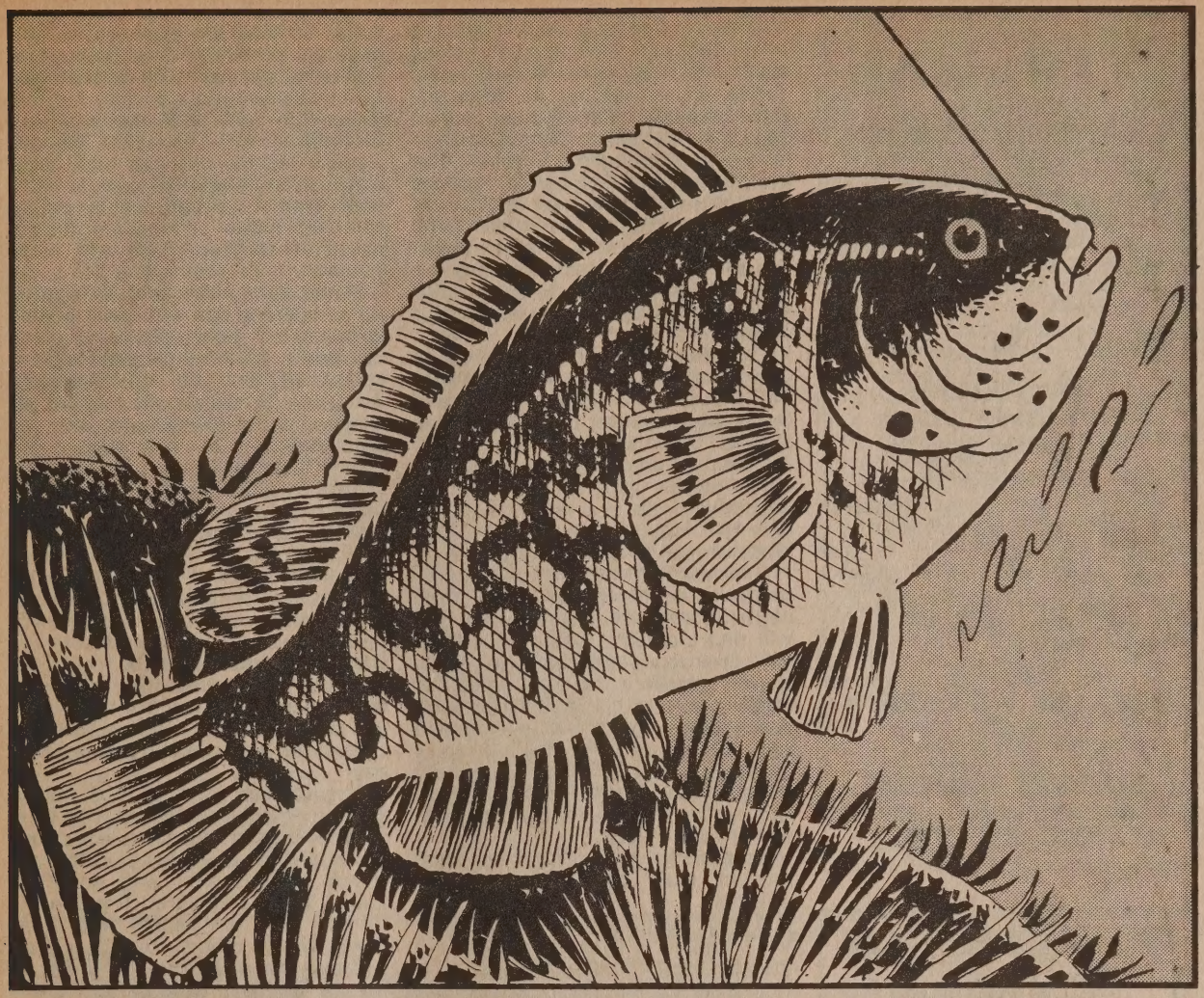


(6) WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF THE NAME *"DOLLY VARDEN"* FOR THE SEA-RUN TROUT *SABRELINUS MALMA* FOUND IN NORTHWESTERN U.S... A READER ASKS?

1-TRUE. IF THE TAIL IS CUT OFF AND THE FISH IS BLED. 2-PENNSYLVANIA. 3-45 MPH. 4-ALL OF THEM. 5-FALSE. THEY BITE BEST IN THE DAYTIME. 6-THE NAME REFERS TO THE FISH'S BRIGHT RED OR ORANGE SPOTS LIKE THE BRIGHT CLOTHING WORN BY *DOLLY VARDEN*, A CHARACTER IN CHARLES DICKEN'S STORY "*BARNABY RUDGE*" AND THE FISH'S NAME EVOLVED FROM THIS CHARACTER.



AN INSHORE LOOK AT FALL BLACKFISHING

by Matt Ahern

One evening last week I checked through several back issues of The Fisherman. And in doing so I noticed a few photos of proud youngsters holding king-sized blackfish for all the envious to see. The identifying captions read like this: "Eight-year-old (or ten-year-old) so and so, with an eight pound (or ten pound) bulldog blackfish he (or she) caught while fishing such and such an area."

I felt happy about the kids' good fortune, of course, but photos such as these don't do much for guys like me who have been knocking ourselves out over the years seeking bulldog blackfish and finding it tough going. Especially do I find these photos adding insult to injury after writing many articles over the years telling Fisherman readers how difficult blackfish are to catch. Those kids sure know how to hurt a guy.

But I don't care. I don't care because I insist blackfish are the most demanding to catch of all our bottom feeders—bright-eyed small fry with the Midas touch notwithstanding.

I remember how it was when I was a kid. Blackfish had me fretting and fuming just about every time I tried for them. It was a long time before I nailed a black over three pounds. And to accomplish this took the efforts of some pretty good sinker bouncers to point me in the right direction. So if there are any more of those bright-eyed youngsters out there, please go about your business of catching your easy-mark bulldog blackfish and let me get on with the business at hand—which is drawing a fine bead on these same blackfish, using the best methods I know.

I suppose the best way to begin is to tell you some of the important details about the life-style of this rugged fish.

Blackfish aren't considered a migratory fish (such as cod and mackerel, for instance)—at least no clinching proof has been established to refute this. It is thought, however, that blackfish do have definite inshore and offshore movements, governed always by water temperature. Rugged though blackfish may be, few of our local bottom fish are as sensitive to abrupt changes in water temperature.

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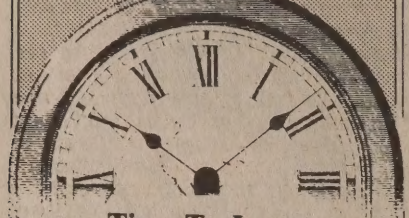

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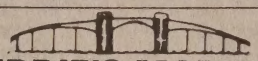

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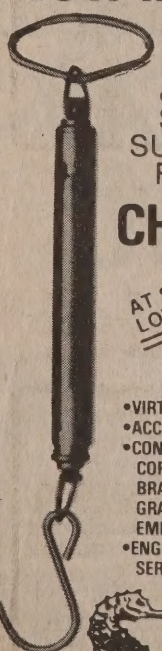

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degrees is ideal for good fishing), few blackfish are found inshore during summer's heat, and few are found during winter—except in deep offshore waters. In fall, you can expect good inshore fishing from late September and throughout October. The best months are October for inshore fishing, and November for offshore. If the water retains some of fall's warmer temperatures, offshore blackfish will bite into December; they are often caught at this time by codfishermen fishing offshore banks and wrecks.

Experienced sinker bouncers agree that there isn't any local bottom fishing where it is so important and necessary to be over the right ground as when blackfishing. Without doubt, pinpoint accuracy is often required. When wreck fishing, for instance, should you miss the feeding area by only five feet (sometimes less), few blackfish will be your reward.

It is important to remember that no matter how choice your bait, no matter how tempting it may be, you will find blackfish reluctant to stray from their food-ladened haven. Nor is it ever necessary that they do so, for food in the form of mussels, barnacles and various crabs and shellfish is right before the fish at all times. I believe this to be the most important thing to know about blackfish. Ignore this feeding pattern and few blackfish will go in your bucket.

Because blackfish are strong, some thought must be given to tackle selection.

If you intend to do most of your fishing inshore, you can get by with medium weight spinning gear; but if you plan to fish in deep inshore waters where currents are strong, I would use only conventional tackle. You've got to have equipment that can handle the heavy sinkers often required in such places, plus having enough oomph to sink the hook quickly and get the fish started away from whatever obstruction you may be fishing.

It matters not whether you do your inshore blackfishng from shore or a boat, all your efforts will be in vain if you fail to fish those areas known to harbor old chisel-tooth. You may catch fluke or flounder when you haphazardly select a spot that "looks good," but if you don't fish areas that have been underwater long enough to become festooned with mussels and barnacles, your chances of connecting are pretty slim (remember what was said several paragraphs back). Sunken wrecks and rock piles are always good. Bridge underpinnings, decayed wharves and piers, rock-littered shore lines, breakwaters and jetties—are all potential blackfish spots.

Tackle must be rugged enough to prevent a hooked blackfish from boring back to the safety of its hideout. It will always attempt to do so. Therefore, if you aren't using tackle rugged enough to halt the fish dead in its tracks, the result is usually a lost fish—plus terminal gear. Even the surge of a 2 lb. blackfish is surprisingly powerful. And because of this, don't put too much faith in light spinning gear. It's a shame, too, because this light stuff really affords much blackfishing sport; but for now, leave it for the sharpies who know blackfish and blackfishing areas like a book. Stay with either medium weight spinning tackle or medium weight conventional gear. Each will serve you well.

When using either of these outfits, fill a matching reel with good quality 20 pound test mono. You're not going to catch a 20 lber. (at least I don't believe so), but you will need stout line going for you should your rig get snagged in the obstructions. And rest assured it will, for if it doesn't you aren't fishing in prime blackfish territory. Light line will part the instant pressure is applied when attempting to free the rig, which is okay if you don't mind the annoyance of re-rigging, or the expense of replacing lost terminal tackle. With 20 pound stuff you have a chance of salvaging some of your hooks and sinkers, perhaps even reeling in the blackfish that caused the rig to become snagged. If you are that lucky, you can indeed consider yourself the chosen one of the fishing gods for that day.

The correct blackfish hook is no problem; most experienced fishermen use the Virginia style. This is the hook especially designed for blackfishing. It has a short bite, with an offset hollow point and barb. The steel is "heavy" for the hook's side when compared to others, but it is purposely so to withstand the antics of outsize bulldogs. You'll find it just what the doctor ordered for this wily, pugnacious fish.

Hooks other than Virginias—such as Beak, Claw and Sproat in correct sizes—will also do the job if that is all you have at the moment. But I would not hesitate to visit the nearest tackle shop at the earliest opportunity and lay in a supply of Virginias.

For inshore blackfishing, correct hook size is not much of a problem. You can use either a #6 or #8. The larger #6 won't miss many small blacks, and the smaller #8 is strong enough to hold an occasional outsize fish. The choice in this hook selection is yours.

Knowing how to rig for bottom fish—or any fish for that matter—can make or break your day. Knowledge in this field is what separates the men from the boys, so to speak.

Because blackfish are strictly bottom feeders (notwithstanding the occasional show-off who will gleefully seize a top hook to put Old Matt in his place) on bottom is where your hooks must be. You will catch few blackfish if your hooks are flapping a foot overhead. Blackfish are wary enough without making it more difficult. But when your bait is spread out on bottom where blackfish normally expect to find food, most of your minor blackfish problems are over.

Whether you decide to fish with one hook or two depends upon how "sticky" your fishing area is. When fishing around rocks, unless they lie in a jumbled mass, it is safe enough to use two hooks tied in tandem. For wreck fishing, I would use but one hook tied into the main line about two inches above a suitable bank sinker. (Try always to avoid using flat sinkers when blackfishing; they foul too easily.) A single hook should always be sued around spilings. Any extra hook is sure to snag—if not from a fish, then surely from the current. And for the same reason don't use hardware of any kind no matter where you fish for blacks. Forget the three way swivels, barrel swivels, snaps and what-have-you. They are sure to snag or become a liability when a black takes hold. The bottom fisherman's adage has always been: "The less hardware, the better." Take heed and catch fish.

To tandem tie a rig is simplicity itself. It just takes a little practice to master. Here's how you do it:

Take one of two hooks and fold its snell at the middle. Pass this fold through the knotted loop of the second hook. Then run this second hook through the fold and draw up tight. Secure with an overhand knot. Don't overlook this last step. That second hook will ride down the snell of the first should you forget. I suppose no great calamity is involved should you overlook doing this last bit, but, heck, you might as well have it right. Tie the completed rig to the main line, say about two inches above the sinker.

Blackfish are highly suspicious and will usually shy away from bait not held absolutely still. Therefore, sinkers should always be heavy enough to anchor the rig; just don't go overboard on this and weigh the fish down too.

Because the mortality rate on sinkers is high when blackfishing in some areas, fishermen often tie the sinker to the main line with a piece of weak string. All that is needed to salvage your hooks when the sinker is snagged is a light pull. I'm not too excited about this weak-string method because on cold days it is a finger numbing nuisance. Some fellows have gotten around this by using narrow plastic covered wire similar to that used on bread wrappers. These can be wired on quickly and the amount of sinker-freeing tension desired is easily adjusted by the amount of wraparounds used. So—yer takes yer cherce, as the man says.

For fall blackfishing you will find the best bait is crab. These can be china-back fiddlers or green crab. Blue claws are good too. My choice is green crab, but china-backs are always accepted. Before using green crab, the top shell must be removed (unless the crab is small), and the legs cut off close to the body. The crab is then cut into two or more pieces, depending upon size. Insert the hook through one of the leg holes—and make sure the barb is exposed! This makes for instant hooking. Don't worry about the hook showing; blackfish never notice.

China-backs are used whole, and if it is a male, the large claw is removed. I suppose it doesn't matter if this is done or not, but I'm from the old school of fishing and a 60 year old habit dies hard. Whether you leave the hook hidden inside the fiddler, or exposed as with the green crab, is immaterial. Because china-backs are more delicate, there is no fear that the business end of the hook won't penetrate the black's tough mouth. I find it best to leave the hook inside the crab's body, for by so doing, the crab stays active longer.

The most difficult thing to learn about blackfishing is to put a brake on your reflexes. If you try to plant the hook at the first nip, you stand an excellent chance of missing the fish. Wait until you feel a good solid tug. This is your signal that the fish has taken the hook. Should you find your percentage of lip-hooked fish is high, be assured you are attempting to set the hook much too soon. Use these swift tactics on the rapid-fire porgy if you wish, but **take your time** with blackfish! I have always found that the largest blackfish are often slowest to take bait. Be governed accordingly.

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High winds curtailed many scheduled offshore trips but those who could get out early in the week, did pick up football tuna and a few mako sharks. The Canyon is loaded with tuna. Inshore species, particularly bluefish, are quite willing to take up the slack with many husky blues feeding from Montauk to Shinnecock. Porgy catches are steady. Best bet for fluke remains Montauk's south side.

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Jim Algerio of Selden and I joined Tony Gaworsky of Centereach on Wednesday, launching Tony's twenty two foot Grady White at **Gone Fishing Marina** for a shot at south side fluke. We returned home with twenty-two fluke, ten weighing between five and seven pounds, one doormat of nine pounds twelve ounces. The others weighed from two and a half to four pounds. Six others were used for strip baits. Best action was "under the guns", under the radar dome, drifting east, with squid heads and fluke strips the best bait. Bring lots of rigs if fishing here.

A return trip to the same spot on Saturday, with Selden's Rudy DeMaria, again on a trailored boat, located only three keepers so we switched to bluefish. Blues were so thick, that you could actually see hundreds of them cruising in the water and through the crest of every small wave in the rips. Every fish caught on a diamond jig had at least a dozen followers vieing for the jig. We easily caught all we wanted. Most blues were in the four to seven pound range, although we did jig fish of fifteen and thirteen and a half pounds.

Anglers fluking on Sunday, after the area had a chance to settle down from the two day windstorm, did return with as many as fourty fluke, some in the nine pound range.

Captain Robert Aaronson reported that the charter boat **Orion** has been specializing in bonito fishing, with as many as fifty to one-hundred caught per trip. However, on Friday, on a half day bluefish charter, over 160 blues were caught, just outside the inlet, with the boat returning to the dock by 9:00am. Anglers had all they wanted, and were practicing catch and release for fun.

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by anglers fishing the Canyon. However he claims that plenty of tuna are in the Butterfish Hole, as suggested by reports of many hook-ups of fish that couldn't be stopped. Fluke specialists such as the "Sweet Tooth", "Rosie Lady" and "Baby B", continue to return with quality fluke. Bluefish are everywhere, mixed sizes, as close as the jetties, and often driving bunker into the harbor.

Captain Dusty Dorzbacker reported less porgies in anglers buckets this past week due to the winds on Friday and the bluefish on the weekend. However high hook on Saturday on **Little Bear** was sixty-two porgies, Sunday fourty-seven. Porgies half eaten by bluefish were not counted! A trip to Block Island hoping to evade bluefish did locate blackfish and sea bass to five pounds. Captain Dusty expects catches to return to their historic numbers when the blues move off the porgy grounds.

One of the largest fluke reported this week was caught on the charter boat **Gusto**. Captain Weiss stopped at the south side on Wednesday, on the way home from a slow tuna trip to locate a big one. Vinnie Rella's doormat weighed fifteen pounds two ounces. Vinnie was fishing with Mark Albert from Country Boy's Bakery of Lido Beach.

Captain Fritz Hubner on the **Mistress Too** reports plenty of bluefish everywhere, from Shagwong to the Point, just follow the birds, great catches were made trolling and jigging. Offshore, football bluefins (15 to 30 pound range) mixed with green bonito and false albacore were caught on bait at the Butterfish Hole on Sunday. The **Mistress Too** will concentrate on offshore fishing for tuna and shark for the remainder of the month, switching to inshore-blackfish, porgies, etc. in October. Call for information.

Joan Jones of **Captain's Cove Marina** felt that the high winds during the week hampered fishing efforts, causing the most boats to fish inshore. However marina based boats did return with an assortment of fish. The **My-Mate** returned with a tuna and a load of bluefish on Saturday, more blues on Sunday. Last Monday, Joe Bisbano, fishing on the **Joy-Sea**, was able to get to the "Aquarium", where Captain Chuck Mallinson located six tuna from ninety to 255 pounds. On Sunday, the Joy-Sea fluked on the south side, returning with fourty-five. Fluke specialist Larry Oehler, fishing on the "Unexpected" located fluke to nine pounds on Sunday. A mako shark of 157 pounds was caught on "Wet Dream" by Jerry Spooner on Saturday. A 135 pound mako was located for the Seenys on Sunday by Merry Humphrey and her husband Jim on "Knee Deep".

Flying Cloud did very well with porgies until Friday, when wind conditions made it more appropriate to fish the Gardiners areas. Plenty of porgies were in Montauk waters on the weekend, however, bluefish moved in to one-scare them into not biting or two-eat them on the way up. Despite breeze and blues, Naoame Tate did catch sixty-two porgies on Sunday. Walter Winstin Junior landed a thirteen pound bluefish on porgy tackle. Captain Bird expects great porgy fishing through October.

Bluefishing is red hot inshore, with blues under birds from the harbor to the Point. On Saturday morning, John Faleorn, Beaver Mitchell, Mat McAree and Keigh Thecker, all from Sag Harbor, filled the fish box with seven to eight pound blues trolling from the Point to the jetties. On Sunday's trip on the **Harbor Hooker III** Mike Oltedal Ken and Sandra Taura, Ted Ghorra and Oswaldo and Elvia Chiriboga fished Cartwright using herring bait. The group filled the fish box with monster blues, some nearly twenty pounds, using herring bait. A short stop for porgies at Great Eastern, and bonito at the Point rounded off the trip. Captain Tom Federico has a few fall dates available for porgies or blues. Call for information.

Captain Mike Bentivegna Junior reports football tuna on trips last Tuesday with Ed Mort, Wednesday with Charlie Serio, and Sunday with Kevin King with good action on small tuna and several hook-ups on possible giants, one of which was cut off by another boat's anchor line. Weekend trips for inshore bluefish were described as fantastic on the **Pronto**, with all the blues, mixed sizes, that you cared to catch. Captain Mike will concentrate on tuna until the end of the month and is accepting charters for blackfish and cod for October and November. Call for information.

Night bluefish trips on both the **Marlin IV** and the **Viking** are very good, with blues up to nineteen pounds.

Captain Steven Forsberg reported that the **Viking**'s porgy trips to Noman's Land are picking up, with average catches of fifty to seventy-five porgies per angler, of fish averaging a pound and a half. A change has been made in the tuna schedule, sailing will be Mondays, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m., returning at 4 p.m. the next day. On Sunday's Canyon tuna trip, the **Star** returned with twenty-five tuna, two yellowfin, ninety and 120 pounds, two bigeye, 110 and 175 pounds, and twenty-one long fin albacore to fifty pounds. Since many (about 150 tuna) were lost (couldn't be stopped), Captain Forsberg recommends using no less than one-hundred pound test line on these trips. Most tuna were caught on bait, except for five longfin and a yellowfin all jigged by one angler.

John Girolamo caught thirty-one cod on last week's Georges Banks trip, mostly on seventeen ounce Vike jigs. John reported that best fishing was at slack tide during Monday night and Tuesday, with average fish in the ten pound range. The $1,600 pool was won by a fourty pound cod. A thirty-five pound pollock was also brought aboard. A Georges Banks cod trip is scheduled for the end of the month, with two more in October. Call the **Viking** office for reservations.

Carl Darenberg, Jr. spoke of red hot tuna action at the Canyon, with marina based boats such as "Flora R" and Tempo returning from over-

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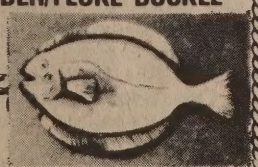

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Cathleen Hoffman, Captain Bill Williams, and angler Tom Williams with a 448 lb. blue marlin taken at the 40 fathom line, SE of Shinnecock Inlet aboard 'My III Sons.' The big blue was caught on 8-30.

night trips with as many as 25 yellowfin per boat. Best action is by chunking at night. The **Montauk Marine Basin's** Blue Marlin tournament was won by Pete Fisher, with a 351 lb. fish caught on the 'Bill Fisher'; it was worth $21,700. Second place and $7400 went to the 'Kim Lauren' and Larry Caliza with a marlin of 278 lbs. More on this tournament will follow next week. Some reports of small bluefin tuna have come from the 40 fathom cuve. Inshore, plenty of bluefish mixed with bass have been caught near the light. Fluke catches picked up on the south side on Sunday. Mike Matthews, who specializes in sea bass on the 'Memory Man' returned from Sunday's trip with 15 sea bass, mostly in the 3 lb. range, and a half dozen fluke.

Captain Bill Ricca of the charter boat **Alyssa Ann** encountered good school tuna fishing early in the week with Bert Miller Jr and Sr. The pair caught 5 bluefins in the 35 to 40 lb. range at the Butterfish Hole. Strong winds slowed offshore fishing towards the end of the week, however, anglers loaded up on medium sized blues on light tackle at the point upon returning from tuna trips, casting small jigs. Since blackfishing has started early, Capt. Ricca expect a great fall run. Call him for information and available dates for October and November.

Captain Bob Storc of the charter boat **Caprice** first tried for fluke on Saturday with Dennis and John Statzky and sons, encountering slow action, possibly due to the strong winds of the previous day. The group switches to sea bass, enjoying a good pick all afternoon.

Tom Jordan of **Gone Fishing Marina** saw a catch of 30 fluke made on Sunday by Dr. Fleishman on the marina based boat, "Abide." Blackfish are very good; a two day catch on the "Contagious" with Sal DeMeglio and his friends tallied up to 138 blackfish, top weight 10½ lbs. Most of the fish were caught on Cerebus Shoals. Small to medium size porgies continue to inhabit local Montauk waters. On a brief fishing trip on the weekend, Tammy Rochetta and her sister April fished with their dad on the "Rainbow II," catching lots of bluefish. Plucky Tammy manager a 10 lb. chopper, fishing with a cast on her arm.

Captain Michael Potts of the **Bluefin IV** used light tackle and surface lures to catch 125 green bonito with the Guli group last Monday. They also caught a few fluke off Block Island. The Elton group fought two giant tuna, for one and three hours, respectively, on light tackle, losing both. The same group returned Friday, this time using light tackle for over 100 bluefish on a half day trip. Fluke action picked up again on Sunday, when the DeMeios of New York City caught over 50 fluke, 20 of which were keepers. Twenty green bonito rounded off the trip. Captain Potts looks forward to doing a lot of casting and bottom fishing this fall for a variety of species. Call him for charter information.

Sunday's catches at **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** included a mixture of blues, blacks and fluke. Eileen and Jeffrey Leavitt of Bellmore fished under the Light for 40 bluefish from 5 to 8 lbs. George Marrazzo bottom fished with green crabs off Shagwong to catch 20 blacks, mostly medium size, but one bulldog of 10½ lbs. also took the bait. Other rentals caught fluke on the south side, some weighing in a 5 and 6 lbs.

A giant tuna, weighing 830 lbs. was caught on Tuesday night by John Nawton of Greenwich, Ct., on the "Fantasea," berthed at **Montauk Marine Basin.** According to Richard Berk, spokesman for the marina, the fish was caught on 120 lb. line, spooled on an 80 lb. outfit. The anglers reported another giant tuna hookup, the previous afternoon, which was lost after a 9 hour battle. The hook-ups were made in the "vicinity of the Butterfish Hole."

Captain Mike Albronda experienced good action with school tuna on the charter boat **Montauk** during the week at the Butterfish Hole. Three reels were completely spooled of line, presumably by giants.

Robert Aaronson, speaking for **Tuma's Dock and Tackle** was enthusiastic about the amount of bluefish from the Point to the Light that came in vast schools last week. Many bonito have also moved into the area. Fluke picked up again on Sunday. Blackfish have started.

Captain Jay Rigano, trying to get out of the wind on Friday, fished the north side with a group from the town of Mamaroneck Police Department, where they quickly filled the fish box with bluefish. A few porgies and sea bass were caught on a bottom fishing drop. Saturday's trip with John Smithrict and his friends, fished the south side, hoping to get out of the

wind, and were met by all the bluefish they could fit in the fish box. Although seas were lumpy on Sunday, Louis Santiani opted for tuna on offshore grounds. After fishing fruitlessly for a few hours, the **Lori Jay** trolled back, hooking up with a 130 lb. bluefin and a 60 lb. yellowfin at the 40 fathom curve. Closer to home, five bonito and a false albacore jumped on small feathers.

Edelman's Lou Rosado loaded up with porgies at Midway, fishing on the "Sea Whimp" with his friend Nick. Secret of success was heavy clam chum. However, bluefish invasions on the porgy grounds necessitated many moves. The porgies were varying sizes, from small to a few jumbo.

Mrs. Helen Braun of Patchogue was the winner of a custom jigging rod, made by **Sea Isle** in Freeport on last Friday's TV show, L.I. Fishing with Lorry Mangan. For details tune to Channel 55, WLIG-TV every Friday at 7:30 PM for details on how to win valuable tackle and fishing trips.

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Blackfishing was good on Wednesday's trip on the **Wilhelric II**, according to Captain Clark Bellows with about twenty fish over five pounds caught, with many smaller ones. For awhile it seemed that the pool would be won by a seven pound fluke, until an eight pound blackfish was caught late in the trip. Anglers continue to be "pestered" by two and three pound porgies, insistent on eating green crabs. Porgy catches have been superb, according to Captain Artie Lach. On Sunday, two women combined their catch for ninety porgies, some two and a half to three pounds. Wind direction will determine the destination of the porgy trips with jumbo New London porgies on days with northwest winds, Gardiner's Island porgies if the winds are southwest.

Porgy catches were down in the Peconics over the weekend, due to high winds. However a very good catch was made at Cedar Point on Wednesday by two anglers in a skiff from **Bayview Marine and Tackle**. George Pharaoh claimed it took over four hours to clean all the porgies, many in the two pound range. **Sag Harbor** snappers are holding up strong. Marina customers traveling to Gardiner's Island are catching loads of bluefish, all you want, according to George. Flukers are still reporting action at Gardiners, however many are shorts. Rumors of weakfish in Noyac Bay have been confirmed.

Large blackfish, caught at Shinnecock's west jetty were brought into **Speck's Bait and Tackle**. Fluke slowed down considerably in Shinnecock, with a few caught in the bay west of the inlet, however, flounder activity has picked up, with Tiana Bay a scene

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of many catches. Porgies and blackfish remain consistently good on the northeast side of Gardiners. Best bet for big fluke, according to Thom, remains the south side of Montauk. Anglers trying offshore wrecks have returned with some sea bass.

Fluke are on the wane at the Ponquogue Bridge, according to Al Flexer, who did manage to catch four fluke a day from Thursday to Sunday, using his **Al Feathers Flash Jigs**, with the largest fluke four and a quarter pounds. Many boats were anchored near the Ponquot Bridge on the weekend, all heavy into sea bass and porgies. A few fluke, but lots of flounder, blackfish, sea bass and porgies can be caught off Callahan's dock in Shinnecock

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

The fishing picture continues to change as September progresses. Fluke are fading fast from the bay scene but some nice fish continue to be taken outside the inlets. Blackfishing continues to gather momentum on bay wrecks and reefs and flounder began to make their mark in the bays as well. Bluefish continue to provide plenty of action outside and chunking for tuna remains excellent at the canyons and on wrecks such as the Virginia, weather permitting.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Over at **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**, Gary Grunseich said that this was the weekend that flounder took over center stage. The deep water between buoys 31 and 36 and also south of buoy 33 produced a nice showing of quality fish. On Sunday, Joe Entler counted 20 flatties from 1 to 2 pounds fishing south of 33. He used bloodworms and clam chum. Fluke are still around with one customer returning with 8 keepers. Fishing is restricted to the east and west cuts at the inlet. The Hole at buoys 42 and 43 continues to produce a mixed bag of porgies and sea bass along with an occasional blowfish and a couple of small bay weakfish. Blue claw crabs have moved from the creeks into the bay with some good catches made on bunker near buoy 27. Snappers too have moved out into the bay. The inlet has been well stocked with blues for trollers and baitfishermen.

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Paul Graniello at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** said that a few big snappers continue to be taken at the local docks. The key to taking them is to fish deep. Some crabs still around also. Small porgies taking worm baits. Good bluefishing reports coming from around the Moriches Sea Buoy. They are being trolled, chummed and jigged with the best scores being made on bait. Smaller fish being taken south of Patchogue in 40 feet of water. Blackfish coming on strong with several good scores reported from the Kismet Reef and the bridges. One customer put away 8 blacks in the 3-4 pound class on the reef last week. The shop has green and fiddler crabs in stock. Fluke interest is fading and there have been conflicting flounder reports from Moriches Bay. Some guys reporting good scores while others report little action.

Al Colban at **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** spoke of decent blackfishing at Kismet and a fair number of flounder in the Sore Thumb Pocket. West Channel continues to produce a mixed bag of sea bass, porgies, blowfish and kingfish. Some big porgies and sea bass being taken on the Fire Island Ocean Reef. Best bet for fluke is now outside of the inlet in 30 to 50 feet of water. These are nice fish ranging from 2 to 5 pounds. Buoys 30, 4 and 5 south of Heckscher producing some small weaks on squid and sandworm or nightcrawler combos. Crabbing has slowed on the docks but there are plenty of blue claws being taken out in the bay. Tuna action at the Canyon has been red hot for chunkers whenever the weather permits.

"Still enough fluke around but interest is fading fast" according to Jim Romano of **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip**. Best action is out in the ocean near the pound nets, Bell Buoy and the F.I. Reef. Blackfish are on the Kismet Reef and some good scores were also reported made near the rocks just west of the Robert Moses Fishing Piers. Blues being trolled outside the inlet on umbrella rigs, some also being jigged. Porgies are at the WR Buoy and just west of the Lighthouse. Worm bait working best on these fish. Josie Kuskelewicz and her husband Walter used squid strips in 65 feet of water south of the inlet to take 5 fluke to 3 pounds, a 6 pound sea bass and one bluefish. Snappers have peaked in size and continue to be taken from local docks by anglers fishing their baits down near the bottom.

Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** spoke of very good tuna fishing the first half of the week afterwhich plenty of wind kept most boats from running off. There were excellent catches made at the Canyon and on the Virginia. On Tuesday one boat returned from the Virginia with 11 bluefin tuna in the 80 to 100 pound class. Carl weighed a fluke of 8 pounds 2 ounces for one customer. He took it at the mouth of the inlet early in the week. Good blackfishing on the Kismet Reef and some decent flounder action in the Sore Thumb Pocket. Three to five pound blues were jigged and trolled along the beach near the Lighthouse over the weekend. Snappers still good at the docks and crabbing not bad according to Carl.

Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Laura Lee** spoke of some decent blackfish action on bay wrecks and reefs. Wednesday's maiden blackfish trip saw Monroe Hale take 25 tog. Rich Troxler counted 19 blacks for his efforts. Trips this week produced anywhere from 100 to 300 blacks in the 1-5 pound range. Some nice sea bass are mixed in as well as a few big triggerfish. Fishing was pickier over the weekend as warmer weather raised bay water temperatures a couple of degrees. Cool weather early this week should stimulate the fishing again. Saturday's score numbered around 250 and dropped to 150 for Sunday.

Noel Kappauf at **Captree Bait and Tackle** reported a little bit of everything being taken this week. It was a

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very good weekend for snappers on Fisherman's Walk. There are flounder at the Sore Thumb, small blues at the Inlet and blackfish on the Kismet Reef. Quite a few sea bass being taken near the R.M. Bridge along with blackfish. Best fluking now is being found outside the inlet but most boats are making the switch to other species as fluke interest is waning. Noel weighed a 6.4 pound blackfish for Domer Miller on Saturday. It was taken on the **Jib VI**. Alex Bartush weighed a 7.4 pound black taken a board the **Dixie**, also on Saturday. A private boat angler stopped to weigh a 4 pound sea bass which was taken inside the bay.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the open boat **Captree Queen** said that Friday night's bluefish trip was poor as a result of strong winds. Saturday was very good however with 40 fares bagging over 500 blues. Fishing is being done south of the inlet, south of Patchogue and on the Oregon. Fish average 4 to 7 pounds with a scattering of 8 to 12 pounders. Sunday's special doormat fluke trip produced a half dozen fluke in the 4-5 pound class. A total of 40 to 50 fluke from 2 to 5 pounds were taken during the day. Sal Ciulla had a 4½ pound fluke and Bart Lipp of Bayside had a 4¾ pounder. Bob Gumst spent a busy weekend aboard the boat. His best catches included a 2¾ pound sea bass, a 4½ pound fluke and 40 blues on the Saturday PM trip.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Capt. Joseph II** spoke of a fair to good pick of sea bass this week on the Ocean Reef and local wrecks. A few big porgies from 1½ to 2 pounds along with a few blackfish are mixed with

the sea bass. Some nice fluke were taken during the week as well. Tuesday, Kurt Weisslog nailed a 6.9 pounder. Same day, Mike Jezik took a 5.4 pounder. On Sunday, Frank Chu had a 4.9 pound fluke while Virginia Kilgore clicked with a 5.12 pounder along with 12 sea bass. Night bluefishing was slow on rough and windy Friday but Saturday's slaughter more than compensated. Fish ranged from 3 to 14 pounds and the skipper figured that over 800 blues came aboard. Philip Sinni counted 44, Mark Klein—35 and Colette Duprett finished with 32 choppers.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** asked that we notify his customers that he has added special jumbo fluke trips on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The remainder of the week he will continue sailing for sea bass, blackfish and porgies. All trips leave at 7AM. He will also maintain his night bluefish trips on a daily basis. The latter half of the week was blown out by rough seas and lots of wind. Saturday and Sunday saw a lot of sea bass to 4 pounds and some nice fluke. Sunday's trip saw blues move in late in the day.

From **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Tom Healy noted that fluke are on the move with the best catches now at the mouth of the inlet, the Bell Buoy, pound nets and the Ocean Reef. Tom weighed an 8 pound fluke for Don Yost. It was taken in 50 to 55 feet of water aboad the Coral Lady. He also weighed a 5½ pounder taken at the same area. Whole small squid did in both fish. On Tuesday, Brian Cottrel used a live snapper to take a 10.4 pound weakfish in the State Channel. Flounder are now in the East West Channel with these first run fish reported to be small but thick. Blackfish and sea bass action has been steady in the bay with lots of small fish providing action but enough decent size fish around to make the fishing worthwhile. Best bluefish action this week was in 70 feet of water south of Davis Park. It was hot here on the weekend. The Mike Mariani family aboard the charter boat **Tork I** put away lots of blues to 8 pounds here on bait. Small fish (3-5 pounds) in 40 feet of water south of the RM Tower. Tuna fishing remains hot at the Canyon. Bob Grafignino ran his Kay Gees to the distant grounds on Wednesday. He returned with a pair of longfins, 2 bigeyes to 130 and 9 yellowfin to 80 pounds. They released another dozen yellowfin. Nice snappers still being taken at the local docks—fish them deep.

John Obedzinski at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** reported fluking on the wane but some nice 5-6 pounders being taken on large baits such as live snappers. Blackfish are taking over with several good scores reported from Kismet Reef, Oak Beach Barge and the R.M. Bridge. The shop has both green and fiddler crabs in stock. Young Jason Weissman was looking

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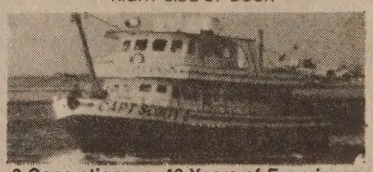

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for blackfish when a 2¾ pound porgie grabbed his fiddler crab near the Coast Guard Station on Saturday. On Sunday, Teddy Krauss and Pat Hovorka teamed to put away a fine mixed bag of blowfish, porgies, flounder, kingfish, fluke, sea bass and snappers at the Copiague Hole. They totaled more than 60 fish. Chris Winterbottom and 2 friends worked the shore at the north end of the R.M. Bridge and put away 23 sea bass on squid strips. Flounder just getting started in the local holes.

Over at **Charlie's Tackle Shop** in **Lindenhurst**, Jim Schaefer spoke of a good mixed bag at the Copiague Hole. Blackfish are on the Kismet Reef and flounder in the Sore Thumb Pocket. Blues southeast of the inlet from 30 feet of water on out to 70 feet. The best fluking now is being found outside at the pound nets to the Ocean Reef. Most range between 2 to 6 pounds. Chunking for tuna remains very good at the Canyon and the Virginia when weather allows boatmen to get at the fish.

Ralph Angelillo at **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague** reported that Phil and Steve Gandiosi of Gramps Crew fished the canyon overnight on Saturday and returned with 18 yellowfin from 70 to 100 pounds. They chunked with herring and butterfish. On Friday, Al Dionisio and Warren Haeussler fished the Copiague Hole and put away a box of fluke, blowfish, flounder, sea bass, porgies, crabs and kingfish. Bill Harris fished in the vicinity of Massapequa Cove on Thursday. Using bloodworms, he managed 21 flounder averaging 3/4 pound. Bill Wenzel ran his 'Traveler' to 160 feet of water on Sunday where he trolled 6 yellowfin tuna in the 60 pound range. Fluke reports fading from a lack of interest but snappers still getting attention at the docks. Some good crabbing on local flats for boatmen.

Bob Vitale at **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor** said that Crash Corrigan, who is credited with another notch in his anchor, returned on Thursday with a fine catch of porgies, sea bass and flounder from the Copiague Hole. Also on Thursday, Mike Fuchs put a 10 pound weakfish aboard his 'Impulse'. He was fishing west of the R.M. Bridge. The 'Reel Affair' scored with 10 fluke from 2 to 3½ pounds along with some sea bass while working outside the inlet on Sunday. Fred Walters and Ken Roblin told Bob that they did nothing with the fluke until they added red teasers. They finished up the day with a bunch of 2-4 pound blues. At Tanner Park, a mixture of flounder, kingfish, snappers, porgies and lafayettes keeping everyone entertained. Some good blackfishing near the R.M. Bridge as evidenced by Floppy Simpson who put 18 tog aboard her 'Hildey'. On Saturday, the Tilichi put away a load of sea bass and porgies on the Kismet Reef. Saturday night at the Canyon produced 3 yellowfin to 125 pounds for the crew aboard 'Tin Man II'.

Over at **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, Frank Pristera reported a load of 7 to 12 pound bluefish fishing in 120 feet of water SE on Saturday. With him on the 'Cookie Monster' were Angelo Dituri and his son Rich Pristera. The trio also took some nice fluke on the

reef as well as some sea bass. Mike Nugent of the Bay Village Inn clicked with fluke of 4.6, 4.9 and 5.8 pounds on Saturday. He reported to Frank that a red teaser was the key to his success. Some sea bass to 1½ pounds being taken at the northwest end of the R.M. Bridge and some blues to 4 pounds at the inlet.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

As we move into fall, we are forced to sample the sometimes unsettled weather that we had this past week. However, despite some days of wind and rain, some very decent catches were made of just about everything swimming in our area from tuna to pin bass.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

We hear from **Captain Eddy's Fishing Station** in Seaford of the 36 keeper fluke plus a nice catch of sea bass taken at Squaw Island by anglers Geraci and Dugan. The fluke went for smelts. Generally catches are being brought back by the rental skiffs of small flounder, sea bass, porgies, kings and some pilot fish, along with blue claws and snappers.

Marie at **Wanser's Bait and Tackle** advised that her weekend customers had fluke off the Massapequa shoreline and off Alhambra. Blackfishing at the bridges was spotty due to the warm water, she said. Lots of flounder action along with pin bass and sand porgies, best off the CG station. Lots of snappers and of larger sizes now too.

Over in Wantagh, Mike at **Causeway Tackle** termed the fluking this week fair, with best results on a flood tide at the inlet and just outside thereof. Catches ran 3 to 15 keepers per boat on killies or sand eels. Tons of sea robins around. Good fluking also around Merrick Point, mostly keepers. Snappers 3/4 to 1 lb. in abundance on fluke bait. Loads of pin bass at 3/4 lbs. plus a few porgies, blows and flounder generally in the bay. Hotspots have been the deep water off Nick's Fishing Station in Merrick, Swift, CG Station, south end of Haunts Creek and black banks for flounder and porgies. Lots of cocktail blues to 3 lbs. on the inside on small tins. Blackfish very good at the Big M, Jones Beach jetty and construction dock areas, from rats to 3 lbs. Boats are getting anywhere from 10 to 70 per, with slack tides best on fiddlers. Local wrecks are holding excellent numbers of sea bass and blacks to 5 lbs. with a running tide best on green crab. Late Sunday afternoon at the #2 offshore buoy, lots of bonito were trolled on feathers and also jigged.

George at **Merrick Tackle** knew of the flounder action off the CG station in Sloop channel. Lots of snappers in Baldwin Bay and off the bulkhead in the back.

Over at **Garan's Tackle** in Merrick, we learned of big weakfish taken on bunker chunks in 40 feet of water off the pink hotel. Gary called the fluking off the immediate beaches "steady," while he termed the floundering very good and building in hotspots such as the CG station. Loads of porgies and sea bass in the bay.

Moving over to the Freeport Fleet, a call from Capt. Pat of the **Lady J Fleet**, told of a reservation only tuna trip he's running Wednesday, October 1st which will be limited to 20 anglers. Pat said the generally poor weather this week caused most of his trips to be in the bay where customers picked at flounder and sea bass in the calmer waters. From Saturday on, the boats were able to fish outside for blues. They were on the smallish side with some weakfish mixed in both on bait and chum and on jigs. Pat says as the weather settles down the bluefishing should be super again. This week's trips were for: Cross Ocean Shipping Co., Al Italia Airlines, Chicago Title Insurance, Breed, Ab-

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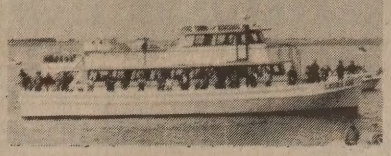

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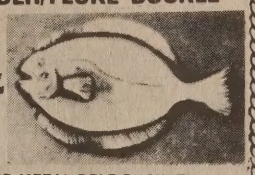

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From the **Starstream II** we learn of good bluefishing on all the day and night trips all this past week with fish running 2 to 15 lbs., off Jones tower and also east and south of Cholera. Night trips also had very good results at 17 Fathoms.

Captain Sy Carlin of the **Bluefin Fleet**, said his charters enjoyed excellent bluefishing this week. Manny Paradiso of the Lawrence/Cedar hurst FD was high hook with 30 blues to 8 lbs. Also bagging 8 lbers. were Clark Vietree and Russ Carey. Largest fish of the week along with 24 other fish was Jack Conroy with a 17 lber. Tony DeVito had a 14 lber. with action on both jigs and bait and chum with the larger fish being caught at anchor while chunking. Action has been to the east and SSE of Jones. Smaller fish have been cruising along the beaches with the larger specimens being caught offshore.See ad for special tuna trips coming up. Just a few spots still left open, the skipper advised.

Word from the **Capt. Lou Fleet** is that the flounder action was very good for the first half of the week, but slowed towards the end of the week with the strong winds. Action bounced back again Sunday, however, on the **CL III** with high hook in the mid-40s.

Captain Clem Esposito of the Island Park party boat **Commodore** just retired after 40 years in the party boat business. Clem was given a surprise party aboard the **Capt. Lou** in Freeport. Attending was Clem's whole family, his friends and all of the local captains. Mike says that all wish Clem health and happiness in his retirement and that thought is echoed by the LIF staff.

At **Lou's Fishing Station** at the mouth of Hudson Canal we learned that most boats flounder fished this week with good results. Fluke are still being caught in the back while porgies, blacks and sea bass seem to be all over the place. Even a 4½ lb. triggerfish was caught off Lou's dock. Lots of pilot fish around and the offshore wrecks are healthy. The canyon yielded very good yellowfin tuna catches, while Cholera yielded mixed blues 2 to 12 lbs. and the Mud Hole produced a few BFT.

Bob at the **Freeport Boatmen's Association** was enthused about the good bluefishing this past week day and night at 17 and Cholera. The **Super Spray II** had excellent catches this week at night. This open boat's fluke trips ended Sunday, being topped off with an 8 lb. fluke caught by Chris Tarczewski. Bluefishing has been excellent from the tower to Gilgo with weaks to 10 lbs. mixed in. The **Super Spray II** has now switched to ocean bottom. Aboard the **Atlantic** the Tommy Wheels 9-man party had roughly 290 blues. Pat Missoni had 37 Bill Stanton, 36, at an offshore wreck.

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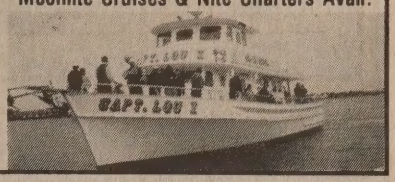

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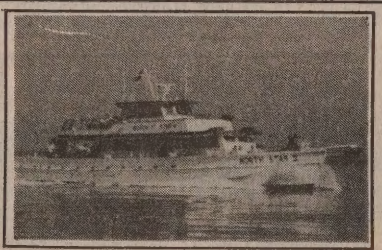

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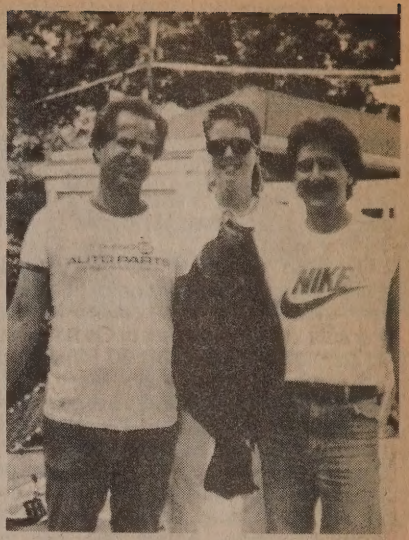
The **Shamrock II** fishing the back had good catches of fluke, sea bass and porgies. Lots of sea bass at Cholera. YFT very good at the canyon.

In nearby Point Lookout, skipper Al Lindroth of the **Capt. Al** is switching his daytime schedule to his hugely successful "Fall Special." See ad for details. The night blue trips will be run Friday and Saturday nights only at 7PM. Al said Saturday night and Sunday saw excellent catches of blues with over 500 fish taken on each trip. Frank Amutuill had 36, James Phillips, 30 and Roosevelt Rogers, 40 including a 17 lb. pool winner. Most fish have been 5 and 6 lbers. and some bottom testing has produced nice catches of sea bass, fluke and blacks mixed in.

A call from Capt. Dennis of the charter boat **Marie III** said blues have been hot and cold this week. Wednesday's trip for the Ira Berger group had fair catches of blues at Cholera, while Sunday's trip for the Double T Fishing Club found the bluefishing excellent SE of Cholera on bait and chum with over 300 choppers coming over the rail. High hook was Doug Rommeney with 27. The pool went to Mike Soodner, a first timer taking a 10 lb. bluefish.



Jack and Renee Fagan and Tony Landi with an 11½ lb. doormat taken in Ambrose Channel on spearing and squid. The big flattie was checked in at Stella Maris Fishing Station, in Sheepshead Bay.

Captain Ron of the **Miss Point Lookout II** spoke of the big 8 to 15 lb. bluefish being taken every night. The boat is still sailing 7 nights a week with small crowds and big catches, he said. The two a day flounder trips have had mixed results, mainly due to the weather. Early week saw excellent catches with many in the high teens to low 20s. Mary Kreshner had 20 flatties Wednesday AM. When the wind came, the action slowed down a lot but there was still good sea bass and porgy bites. Sunday bounced back nicely. On Sunday's AM trip, a fluke took the pool for Rich Leon.

From **Ed's Fishing Station** we hear of the 5 lb. fluke caught on Sunday by Astoria Angler Bernie Califano. Pals Ron Malone and Ray Szostak gathered up 65 flounder to 2 lbs. fishing off the CG station. Good floundering in Swift Creek and the CG station while sea bass and porgies are doing nicely in Reynolds off the high school. Decent blackfishing at the Big M.

Over at **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook, Charlie tells of Jose Espinal of Manhattan fishing Saturday off Rockaway Playland hooking and landing a 13 lb. 14 oz. weakfish on a squid strip while fluking. Snappers all over the place. Flounder have been best at the turn of the tide at the Jones Beach piers. Good blackfishing at the bridges and jetties and

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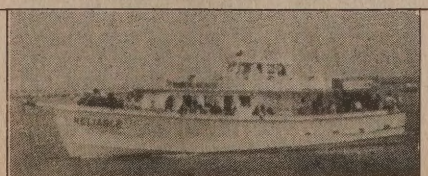

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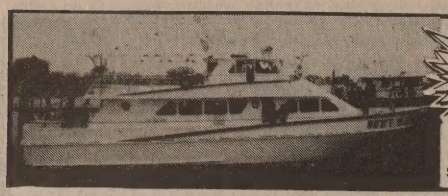

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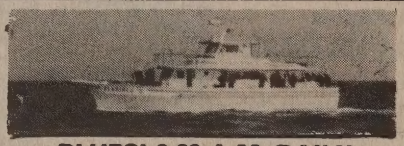

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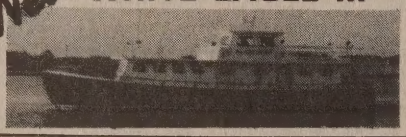

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Bernie at **Long Beach Boat Rentals** says a little bit of everything was caught this past week. Fluke were taken at buoys 5 and 7, flounder at the sea wall, at the marina and buoy 9. Black sea bass, porgies and a few blues, bass and weaks at the ABB. Ed Meyer and Bill Sugrue had a very nice catch of kinggish at buoy 5 on squid.

Sailing out of Atlantic Beach, Captain Ron Lepper's charter boat **Kim** had excellent bluefish catches and bigger fish for their charters this week. Ron said they also had lots of striped bass to 30 lbs. mixed in each day (released) plus a good sprinkling of weakfish each day also. Ron heard of two giant tuna taken this week of over 500 and over 600 lbs. Mud Hole west producing lots of YFT and BFT

In Franklin Square, **Cast-A-Way Bait and Tackle** told of the good bluefishing on bait and chum at Cholera and buoy 4. Weaks on live bunker in Reynolds and off the Long Beach jetties. On Sunday there were tons of cocktail blues from Atlantic Beach to Jones Inlet in the wash on any lure you threw at them. Sea bass have been hot on inshore wrecks, while flounder have been a good item off the JB piers and off the CG station. On Tuesday Mike Dalsimar on his boat, Flower Power, had two BFT of 68 and 75 lbs., 2 albies and 6 pollock at 35 lbs. at the Virginia.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Over in Sheepshead Bay Captain Fred of the charter boat **Avatar** told of some nice fluking Saturday. George Krause had 3 fluke of 5, 6½ and 8½ lbs., while Sonny the meatman and Keith Lerner had approximately 100 keepers. Sunday's trip was termed "okay" with a lot of 3 lbers. caught. Fred says the fluke are "still there."

Sal at **Stella Maris Tackle** called the day and night bluefishing very good. Blackfishing was also termed very good at all the wrecks, rocks and reefs. Fluke were still obliging he said, at the channels. Snappers are all

over the place, while flounder are starting along with sea bass to enliven the days of sinker bouncers. There are a few weakfish mixed in with blues at the can and 17.

North Shore REPORT
with Marty Carrell

Three days of strong winds forced some small boaters to limit activity, but large craft did pretty well most of the time. Porgy fishing was at fall peak, and bluefish continued to please. Striper fans were having their innings playing catch-and-release on school fish. Tautog were stirring on all fronts.

WESTERN SOUND

Jack's Bait on **City Island** saw porgies "all over the place" with some of the best catches from the New Rochelle area and the CBS tower. John DiCuffa said that Cathy Brown and Felecia Moldari had over fourty scup on the Alpha One off Execution Light in one hour of fishing.

The **Glen Cove Sport Shop** found bluefish moving everywhere with enough bass to spice things up. A twenty pounder was weighed and released on Saturday night by the Over the Hill Gang. Blues, large ones, could be roaming anywhere from Morgans to Prospect.

Dom Cerbone of the **Apache** liked the fine porgy action on wrecks and reefs all the way out to fifty to sixty feet of water. "The deeper you go the bigger they get" with all fish over a pound on some deep drops. Numbers are great in shallower waters where pins mix with the mediums. **Young America** had a super charter out of Little Neck Bay on Sunday, so we heard.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine saw a harbor blitz of large bluefish over the weekend with hundreds of ten to eighteen pound slammers taken off the town docks in Huntington. The largest fish weighed at the **Four Winds** shop were John Kelske's 20.1 and Karey Moore's 19.6. There were plenty of three to six pound choppers trolled and jigged off the Obstruction Buoy and Buoy 11B. Diehards were still picking up to six and seven fluke on good days off Lloyds and Sand City with excellent porgy fishing in the bays for fish to medium sizes. Some of the larger fish around 11B were one and a half pounds, and early tautog were there as well. Biggest blackfish were about seven and a half pounds.

At the **Caraftis Fishing Station** in **Port Jefferson**, John liked the fishing for large porgies around the Old Field Ledge. However, scup fans over the weekend had to be satisfied with mixed sizes from the harbors when the wind blew dead north. Late day chunkers had some big blues in the harbor, and the Middle Grounds also had some slammers.

At the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**, chunking was best for "bluefish, bluefish, bluefish". Crabs were producing tautog for sharpies on the pipelines, and flounder were off to an early start. Sound temperatures ranged from seventy-two early in the week to sixty-eight on the weekend.

Ralph's Fishing Station saw lots of early tautog on the beaches with big scup off the harbor in fifty feet of water. Fluke were still available.

John Alberda of **Sound Charters TJ** called to say that he's looking forward

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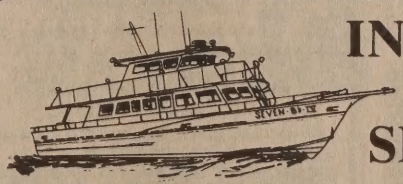

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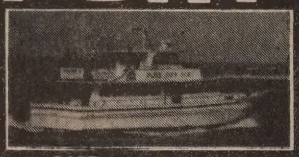

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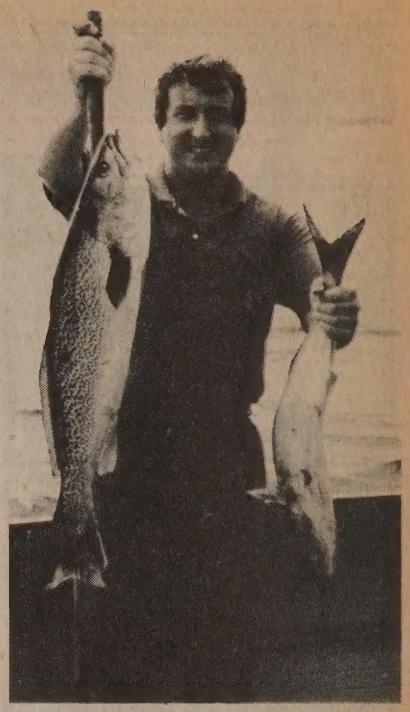

Ed Pillert shows the 10 lb. 5 oz. weak he caught aboard the Orient Point based charter boat, "Prowler," back in August. Scene of the action was Plum Gut.

to a good fall on tautog for weekend charters. The open weekday sailings are still 2:45 p.m. Correcting the numbers of last week in this column, Alberda figures that the average for a three hour trip on blues is around sixty choppers. The Goodmans topped double that figure on a half day trip. Bob Herr and two friends had blues to fifteen pounds plus a pair of bass to eight, Andy Fromia had six blues to ten and bass to fifteen, while Ira Kanarich and son Rick fished four and six pound lines for some fourty blues in two hours of wrist-wrenching action.

Except for Sunday, the weekend was very good for bottom fishing and bluefishing on the **Port Jeff Ace** and the **Prowler**, respectively. Fiddlers produced tautog very well on some days, but it was heavy action for scup with a few sea bass and blues thrown in. "If you put your toe in the water, except Sunday, you'd catch bluefish" Explained Roy Cash. The night boat had two good shots at blues around Buoy 18 on Sunday with some Fifteen bass for catch-and-release. Pool blues are eight to twelve, but average choppers are three to six pounds.

NORTH FORK

Sal Loria at **Captain Marty's** saw fish for most boats, but not all, during the weekend. Those who caught pretty well and there were coolers of scup plus a few weakfish from Buoy 26 and Buoy 28. In fourteen to seventeen mile northerlies, the skiffs were launched late, and chum seemed to be a must.

At Charlie Caraftis' **Mattituck Fishing Station**, Liz said that there were better porgy sizes now with additional blackfish in the area around the motel. The weekend blow knocked out the livery skiffs, however. Fishing during the week had been very good.

Ruth White at the **A.P. White Bait Station** noted that the porgy and early blackfish angling continued to be exceptionally good. Bob Wassuta on the **WeGo** had a huge mixed bag for the Walkers, Charles and Rita, and their party of six on Sunday. They had a haul of tautog to 7.4, bluefish from three to ten pounds, one weakfish and pails of scup.

Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** said that bluefish action was very very good with most of the choppers in the five to eight pound class and a few ten to twelve. At times it was "all out slaughter" but "not all day long". Fish were "anywhere you looked" teh Gut, Pigeon Rip, the Race and Gardiners Island, and were showing well on top. Jensen also had huge hauls of porgies for a trip last Tuesday.

Dave Brennan called to say that the **Peconic Star** enjoyed good porgy fishing over the weekend, even with northerly winds and dropping water temperatures. There was continuous

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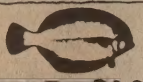
BAIT  **BOATS**

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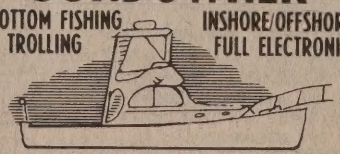
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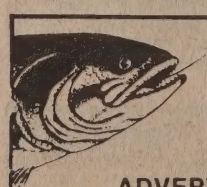
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action, and the most surprising drop of the day occurred in seventy feet of water where the pool winners were pulled. One was June Oliver's 8.4 weakfish, the other was a bluefish just over eleven pounds. The **Brand X** has been catching well, too, according to the **A.P. White Bait Shop**.

Larry Ciccotto was excited about the good early start for the tautog fishing aboard the **Prime Time III** out of **Orient**. Pete Catti's 7.7 won Sunday's pool, and Thomas Edwards winner on Saturday was in the nine pound class. There are full buckets to be caught, even as close to home as Plum Island, and enterprising anglers can take mixed bags that include bluefish, fluke and porgies. One angler had a pair of fluke, a pair of flounder, a bluefish and a blowfish! The boat will be sailing this year right through the very end of the season, probably through November.

Surf REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

The fall run continues to gather momentum as lots of action was reported from many beaches around the Island this week. Mullet were in evidence along much of the South Shore and a touch of northeast predicted for Monday should spur some good action this week. Without any further adieu, lets get into this week's reports.

Lots and lots of bluefish up front and along Shagwong throughout the week according to Johnny Kronuch at **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in **Montauk**. Fish range from 3 to 7 pounds and the best shots at the fish were dawn and dusk. There were a couple of weaks taken at Jones Reef early in the week by Tommy Sepp but bluefish have been so thick that they are hindering the after dark fishing for bass and weaks. Concerning the weekend, both Saturday and Sunday mornings produced lots of blues with the choppers hitting just about anything thrown their way.

Thom Speckenbach at **Speck's Tackle Shop** in **Southampton** reported that casters had a load of blues on plugs and tin Saturday evening and Sunday morning on Shinnecock Inlet's east side. Fish were taken at the jetty as well as along the beach to the east and a few nice bass were mixed among the blues. Another source reported that the Ponquogue Bridge was the scene of a bluefish blitz on Friday and Saturday with blues to 17 pounds taken on freshly snagged bunker. George Skinner and Nick Trinceri caught 4 blues from 13

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East End Surf Club member, John Paduano, nailed this 16 lb. blue on Pencil Popper in the Port Jeff area. The big chopper was checked in at Rocky Point Fishing Stop.

to 15½ pounds early Friday. Michael Poppajohn and his girlfriend had blues to 17 pounds. Mike returned on Saturday and managed to land 6 more of the big fish.

From **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, Paul Graniello said that the first half of the week saw some pretty wild bluefish action from Davis Park through much of the Smith Point shoreline. There was good fishing in front of the Pavillion and also to the east at Great Gun. Plugs and tin accounted for plenty of 3 to 8 pound blues as well as school bass while the bigger blues fell to bait. Two guys reported bass rolling in mullet along the Smith Point shore on Sunday but could manage only one schoolie. The weekend produced a pick of fish through Sunday morning with some big blues taken on bait at night. A reminder that Fire Island National Seashore opens to beach buggy anglers as of today (Monday, 9/15).

Noel Kappauf at **Captree Bait and Tackle** reported that surf regular Pete Lanzetta stopped by with several weaks into the teens taken on live snappers and fresh bunker chunks at Cedar Beach this past week. Other casters also shared in the action.

Tom Healy at **Augie's Tackle Shop** knew of some good action with big blues at Cedar Bar early in the week. A lot of school bass along beaches to the west of the inlet being taken on tins and blue plugs with teasers as the fish have been feeding on mullet. Tom had 5 schoolies in the area on Sunday.

Big blues to 18 pounds were reported from the Cedar Bar by Ralph Angelillo of **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague**. Most of the fishing was confined to the first half of the week with the fish taken on bunker and mackerel chunks. Wednesday saw some big weaks taken on live snappers and fresh bunker chunks.

From his **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in **Wantagh**, Mike Nicoletti confirmed the action with big weaks on fresh bunker at Cedar Beach dur-

ing the week. He also knew of some weaks taken at West End II-Jones Beach around the middle of the week. The east end of Parking Field 6-Jones Beach has been producing a mixture of blues and bass to 15 pounds for casters throwing tin. Big blues are falling to bait. Mullet reported along the beach and at the inlet during the week and on the weekend. Several of his customers reported taking bass to 9 pounds on swimming plugs at Caumsett State Park this week. They also had plenty of bluefish action just prior to darkness with most of the blues falling into the 1-4 pound class.

Bernie Haag of **Long Beach Boat Rentals**, who keeps a good pulse on the Long Beach and Atlantic Beach surf scene, reported that 2-5 pound blues swarmed into the area over the weekend. Plugs and tin did equal damage to the newly arrived blues. Several casters told him that fish were taken on Sunday from noon right up until darkness.

A call from Rockaway regular Barry Howell revealed that the same blues invaded the Rockaways on Sunday. After spending Saturday night on a Rockaway jetty and catching all the school bass he wanted, blues took over the stage on Sunday night. Barry said that from 7PM until 9:30 PM nearly every cast resulted in a bluefish. There were some exceptions, as he also managed 5 more school bass. He said that the water was thick with mullet and baby butterfish.

Gateway Striper Club member Joe Augeri reported on some recent activity by club members. Thursday night saw Jack Mendler and Joe Klosek cashed in on some hot action with blues at Caumsett State Park. The fish which ran to 15 pounds "gobbled everything in sight" according to the two casters. Joe Augeri worked Jones Beach Parking Field 6 Sunday morning and reported lots of mullet and bunker along the beach. He managed an 11 pound striper on a blue-back Redfin. His girlfriend also managed a schoolie, her first bass ever. Joe relayed word too that there have been lots of school bass in the 5-6 pound range on both the back and front sides of Breezy Point. Blue-back swimming plugs have been the key to this action.

Far removed from the surf was some wild bluefish action from the Town Dock in Huntington Harbor over the weekend. George Valentine of **Four Winds Tackle** in **Huntington** sent word that blues averaging 10 to 15 with some to 19 and 20 pounds were riding herd on bunker within easy reach of shore during the week and weekend. He described Saturday as a wild scene as a major blitz occured between 9AM and 3PM on the Town Dock. One customer finally quit the melee after landing 19 teen sized choppers. Popping plugs, big surface swimming plugs and bunker all drew immediate response from the fish.

Over at the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**, Stan Hentschel reported blues

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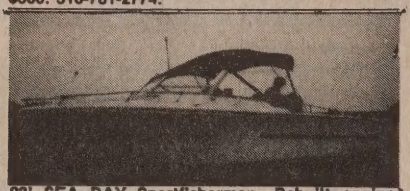

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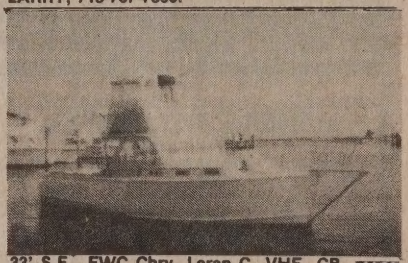

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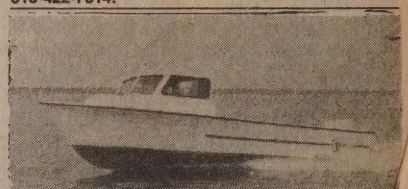

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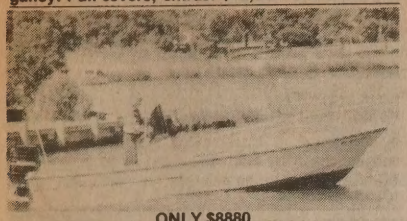

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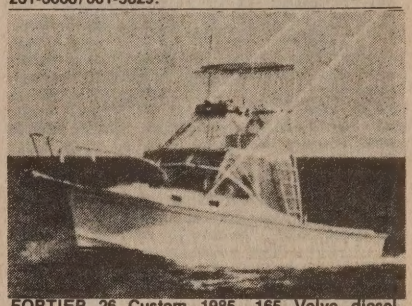

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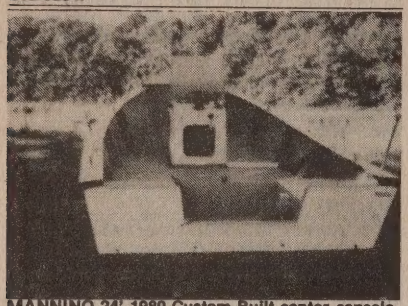

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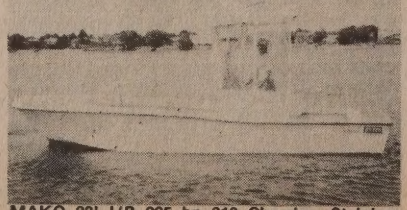

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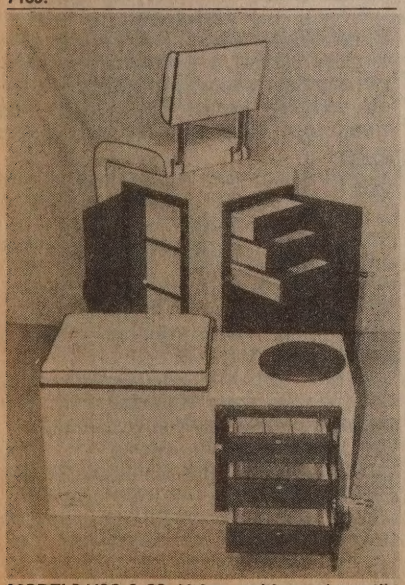

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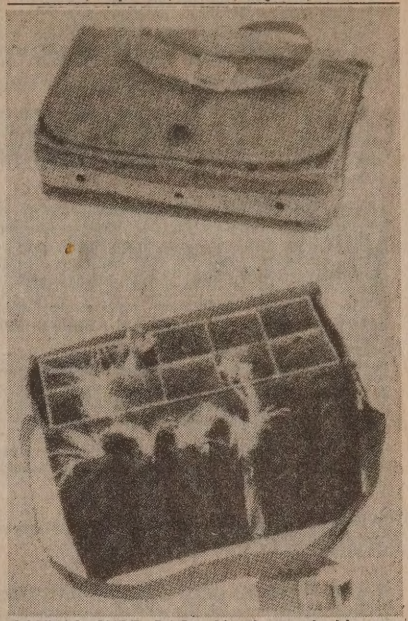

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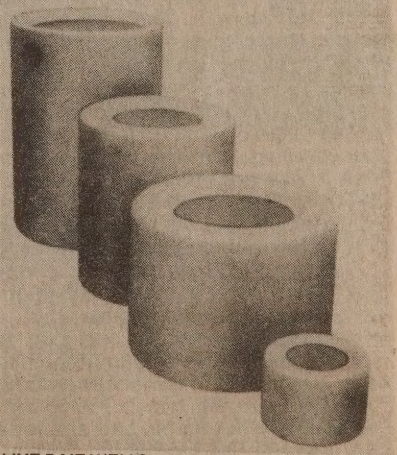

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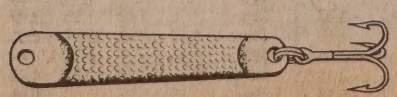
Getting back to the south shore, some late reports indicate that there was some good action with big stripers along the Moriches shore Sunday evening. Monday morning saw bass chasing mullet and responding to blue popping plugs along the eastern reaches of Jones Beach. Great South Bay Anglers Club member Marty Beer connected with one of the better fish to come to our attention with a 40 pound class striper taken on a blue Polaris popper. Also coming from the same general area it was a 30 pound striper taken on Saturday morning by Pete Furnari. Pete took his first big striper ever on a blue Musso Superstrike Needlefish.

Before we sign off, there is one very depressed caster out there who might be greatly cheered to hear that a fellow caster found his surf bag at Hot Dog beach in Westhampton. If he calls me here at The Fisherman (516) 725-4200 I can put him in touch with the gent who found his bag and if he can identify its contents, he can reclaim it.



Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

With gusty winds, snappers at the local docks, and a showing of blues in the surf, freshwater reports were scarce this week. Those anglers who did go out found bass, carp and panfishing to be a little tough. This may be attributed to the lakes taking on a fall look. The weeds are receeding and the water in many locations is now crystal clear. This can make for tough fishing because the fish get a real good look at any offering you choose to work. Dropping down to lighter lines (i.e. 4-6 pound test) may produce an increase in strikes. While bassing may have slowed, the pickerel and trout action have increased as the water temperatures have dropped into the comfort zone for these species.

From George of **Causeway Bait and Tackle**, the word is that bass fishing at the Twin Lakes is pretty good for anglers working live killies. Pickerel seem to be on the increase as well with one angler checking in three this week. Crappies are spotty with anglers taking only a half dozen or so. No reports of carp this week.

Rod of **J&R Sports Center**, **Oakdale**, informed us that on Friday, Ron Pantol worked a Jitterbug in Patchogue's Lace Mill Pond, taking a five pound largemouth bass and several pickerel. Over in Connetquot River State Park, anglers are taking fish but not many have been weighed in. Chris Little did stop by, however, to check in a 1.75 pound brook trout which he fooled with a Hare's Ear nympth.

I traveled out east to work Forge Pond, the Peconic River and Wildwood Lake, over the course of the week and found the fishing to be a little picky. Fishing on the Peconic River from a rental boat supplied by the **Fisherman's Deli**, Bob Kent and I found a mix of small bass and pickerel late Thursday evening. Small spinner baits accounted for all the fish. On Sunday morning, I teamed with Tony DelGorino to work Forge Pond and Wildwood Lake, taking four pickerel to eighteen inches, a small bass and a bluegill. On this trip, spinners and small Rapalas did the trick. Strong winds on both days made it very difficult to work the shoreline cover productively.

From the **Fisherman's Deli** in **Riverhead**, Mrs. Devlin reports anglers taking a few small pickerel but the bass seemed to take the week off. Strong winds throughout the week kept many anglers from going out.

Ken Josephson of Crazy Chief Ski and Sport, Hunter Mountain, informs us that the streams have taken a fall look in his neck of the woods. Most are still running low and clear with the best fishing in the deeper pools. Some fall run trout are beginning to move in the rivers, giving anglers a good shot at big fish.

From Captain Bill Johnson of upstate **Odessey Charters** in **Rochester**, comes word that the salmon run is still going strong on Lake Ontario. Anglers are taking some nice chinook salmon in the twenty to thirty pound class by working chrome colored J-plugs ten to fourty feet behind planer boards. Last week, Bob Paul was up for a charter and connected with several of the big kings.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	8:35	8:50	9:25	9:45	9:15	9:30	10:00	10:25	12:15	12:30	11:55	—	8:20	8:40	9/18
FRI.	9:15	9:30	10:05	10:25	9:55	10:10	10:45	11:10	12:55	1:10	12:20	12:40	9:05	9:25	9/19
SAT.	9:50	10:10	10:45	11:05	10:35	10:55	11:25	11:50	1:36	1:45	1:05	1:20	9:45	10:05	9/20
SUN.	10:30	10:50	11:25	11:45	11:15	11:35	—	12:05	2:10	2:15	1:45	2:00	10:25	10:45	9/21
MON.	11:10	11:30	—	12:05	-	12:05	12:30	12:50	2:45	2:45	2:25	2:40	11:10	11:25	9/22
TUES.	11:50	—	12:25	12:45	12:20	12:40	1:20	1:35	3:20	3:20	3:10	3:25	11:55	—	9/23
WED.	12:15	12:35	1:10	1:30	1:05	1:25	2:10	2:25	4:05	4:00	3:55	4:15	12:15	12:40	9/24
THURS.	1:00	1:20	2:00	2:25	1:55	2:15	3:10	3:25	4:55	4:50	4:50	5:10	1:05	1:40	9/25

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	-0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:		RISE:	SET:
THU.	9/18	6:43	7:05
FRI.	9/19	6:44	7:04
SAT.	9/20	6:45	7:02
SUN.	9/21	6:46	7:00
MON.	9/22	6:47	6:58
TUE.	9/23	6:48	6:56
WED.	9/24	6:49	6:54

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:		RISE:	SET:
THU.	9/18	7:20PM	6:50AM
FRI.	9/19	7:45PM	8:00AM
SAT.	9/20	8:05PM	9:05AM
SUN.	9/21	8:30PM	10:10AM
MON.	9/22	8:55PM	11:15AM
TUE.	9/23	9:30PM	12:20PM
WED.	9/24	10:10PM	1:20PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
9/4	9/11	9/18	9/26

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The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	5:35	11:40	5:50	11:55
Fri.	6:15	—	6:35	12:25
Sat.	7:05	12:50	7:30	1:15
Sun.	7:50	1:40	8:15	2:00
Mon.	8:40	2:30	9:05	2:50
Tues.	9:30	3:20	9:55	3:40
Wed.	10:20	4:10	10:50	4:45
Thurs.	11:15	5:05	11:45	5:30

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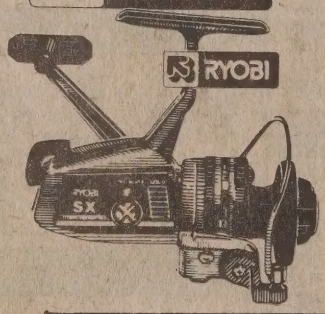

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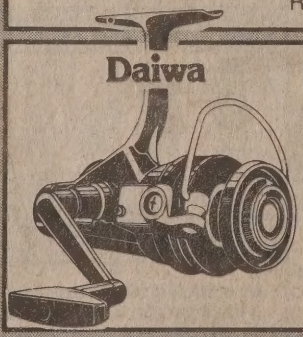

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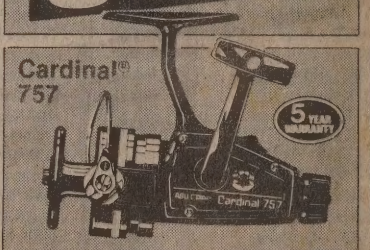

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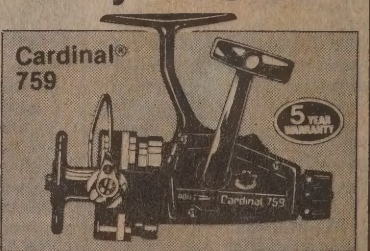

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